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ON MEMORIAL DAY Gus Luty, Karl Turne, Frank Gabbert, Al Hauska, and Al Westergard of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Albany Post 2658 stand at attention at the monument to servicemen at the of the Key Route and Solano Avenue in Albany.

STEVE MASLANKA/STAFF

A monument's day in the sun

■ The memorial stands seen but unrecognized most days of the year

By Kate Darby Rauch
STAFF WRITER

Since she moved to Albany a couple of years ago, Hillary Miller, 33, has walked by the small monument at the end of Key Route Boulevard many times, often with one, two or all three of her young daughters in tow.

Miller, like many residents, wasn't sure what the torchlike

structure on the grassy median was.

Early Monday morning, however, Miller was standing there, near the foot of the "Shrine of Freedom" quietly gushing tears.

Her daughters, husband, and about 25 others — mostly veterans — stood nearby. They listened to speeches, prayers and the sad melody of "Taps," played by a high school trumpeter.

By now, Miller knew well the monument, erected in 1953, is a tribute to U.S. servicemen and

women who have died at war. It's a message, like Memorial Day, that tugs at her heart.

Neither Miller nor her husband are vets. But her dad fought in the Korean War; her husband's grandfather in World War II. Important life lessons come from others who have suffered for their country, said Miller, wiping a teardrop from her cheek.

"As a parent it's really hard to find opportunities to teach my children the importance of sacrifice, that there are people who

have sacrificed everything for you," said Miller, whose daughters are 3, 5 and 7.

"When there are opportunities to do that, I just go for it. It's not just a day to barbecue. I want them to understand."

Miller and her family were among the few nonveterans attending Albany's Memorial Day tribute, put on by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2658.

Like numerous other services around the East Bay, the event was small in numbers. But also

like other services, size didn't affect sentiment, which ran strong.

"I feel proud there are still people who care enough to have a ceremony," said Wilma Paul, 81, who attended a service at the Veterans Memorial Building in Richmond.

Paul was one of several residents of Pinole Senior Village attending the Richmond event. "It's a recognition of other things people have done to take care of us all," she said.

DAV ceremony remembers lost loved ones

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

BERKELEY — In a simple yet moving ceremony held Memorial Day, deceased friends and loved ones were remembered and new officers were announced for the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 25.

DAV 25 includes disabled veterans from Berkeley, Albany, Emeryville and Kensington. The event was called a "Rap and Remembrance" gathering. Seventy-year-old Jim Reed of Berkeley, who served in Korea from 1951 to 1954 and is a "wheelchair veteran," was inaugurated as the chapter's new commander. More than 50 people gathered in the

Dwight Way backyard of Edwin Massey, also a member of DAV 25, to greet the chapter's new officers, enjoy sodas and hot dogs and remember friends. Veterans, some disabled, some not, and friends and family gathered for the day.

"It's a day to commemorate our war veterans, the ones who went before and provided the type of country that we have today," said Colonel (his name, not his rank) Davis, 47, a sixth-grade teacher from Richmond. Davis is not a veteran, but is the child of a veteran and a friend of incoming DAV 25 Cmdr. Reed.

"These veterans put their lives on the line for the country, for

the United States of America," Davis said. "I think it's a noble thing; it's a Christian thing also. Even back in the Bible days there were wars and people fought to preserve their way of life. Memorial day is a testimony to these brave men and women who put it all out there on the line for what they believe in."

Immediate past commander of DAV 25 Robert DeRiti said that the gathering was to remember not just veterans, but all loved ones who have died. "The tradition is to remember the dead," he said. "We thought we'd come together with the community. Currently we have many, many AIDS deaths in the community,"

DeRiti added. "We're not necessarily focusing on veterans. We're focusing on all people — we feel that it's appropriate that we remember them on this day."

DeRiti was a stretcher-bearer in Korea and then Vietnam in the Army and Marine Corps and has a spinal cord impairment. "Although the Disabled Americans is sponsoring this, this is a 'rap and remembrance' of all people who we loved who have passed away."

Reed, sitting in his wheelchair front and center, was introduced as the incoming DAV 25 commander after four young women

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WHEELCHAIR VETERAN and new local DAV chapter Cmdr. Jim Reed.

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — After an emotional discussion last week, the City Council agreed to hear the appeal for the mill and lumber site project on Monday, June 25.

The residential/commercial project proposed for the mid-town properties formerly occupied by the El Cerrito Mill & Lumber Co. at San Pablo Avenue and Schmidt Lane received a setback at last month's Planning Commission meeting. The commission did not approve the developers' bid for an environmental "negative declaration" for the project rather than a more expensive and time-consuming environmental impact report.

The commission also rejected qualifying the project for a development incentives program that would allow it to exceed zoned height and density limits. The developer, JMS Development Partners of San Carlos, immediately appealed the Planning Commission's decision to the City Council.

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Advocates: higher density key to future growth

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — There's going to be a lot more of us, but maybe we can live better and closer together — and closer to

shops, transit and work.

Those were some of the points made at a panel discussion last week on area housing. "Housing Choices for Livable Communities" looked at the possibilities of attractive and affordable in-fill housing in West Contra Costa County. Panelists said that although the area's population will continue to rise, zoning laws and public attitudes about higher-density housing can be changed to accommodate the future.

Speakers included R. Thomas Jones of the California Futures Network, Maria Benjamin of East Bay Housing Organizations, Rachel Peterson of Urban Ecology,

California State Assemblywoman Dion Aroner and Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia. More than 100 people attended the meeting at Northminster Presbyterian Church sponsored by the El Cerrito Democratic Club, the Sierra Club, West Contra Costa Group and Sustainable El Cerrito.

"Twelve percent of the people who live in Contra Costa County can afford the median price of a home in this county," Gioia said at the meeting. "That sort of underscores how serious this issue is."

"The fact that the economic pie in the Bay Area has gotten

larger doesn't mean that more people are able to sit down at the table and enjoy a slice of that pie," Gioia said. "The economy has grown; real estate value has grown, but the number of people who have shared in that economic growth has not been as great as it should be."

Peterson, executive director of Urban Ecology, stressed the importance of region-wide decision making and a region-wide smart-growth process. "What this process is intended to do is to address the fact that the Bay Area is projected to grow by one mil-

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JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

CONTRA COSTA Supervisor John Gioia and Assembly woman Dion Aroner, right, discussed housing concerns at the forum.

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INFORMATION FOR LIFE

WORTH CHECKING OUT

Player focus group

School board member Patricia Player will host a focus group at the Good Shepherd Methodist Church, 6226 Arlington (in front of Adams Middle School), on Saturday, June 2 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Parents, students and other community members are invited to reflect on important educational issues facing our district as we finish the 2001 year. Player will review recent board decisions and share other information with those who attend.

Poetry events series

The Albany Library is sponsoring two ongoing poetry events. First Thursdays is an Open Mike event with a featured poet. The next event is Thursday, June 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. The featured poet is Alison Luteran. Bring some of your own poetry to read or just come to listen. This event is free and open to all ages. The other event is Second Wednesdays. This is an ongoing series of poetry writing workshops, led by Alison Seevak. The first of these will be June 13, 7 to 9 p.m. This event is free and open to ages 8 to adult. Both events are in the Edith Stone Room at the Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave., Albany and light refreshments will be served. Questions? Call Julie Winkelshtein at 510-526-3720 ext 19.

Kids' Science Fair

Kensington Nursery School is pleased to invite young children ages 2-7 and their parents to experience the joy of discovery at its 10th annual Science Fair, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, June 2 at 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Children will learn through their play as the experience "hands-on" science-related activities at more than 15 stations and exhibits, including: rockets, electricity, magnets, volcanoes, deep sea fishing, water world and the animal room. In addition, there will be two special attractions: Astro Jump and Space World, an adventurous journey into the final frontier. There will also be a barbecue. Admission is \$5 for children; parents are free. For more information call Debbie Gano at 524-7963 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday-Friday.

CCCT volunteers

Carpentry/construction volunteers turn raw materials into beautiful sets at Contra Costa Civic Theatre in El Cerrito. The theater is recruiting set construction directors for one or more shows per year. These volunteers need some construction or home building experience, can read and explain design plans, etc. Also needed are Set Construction Workers with basic home repair skills and a willingness to work as part of an enthusiastic team. Times are flexible. Leave a message for Theater Administrator Beth Cohen at 510-524-6654.

Preschooler fun

The Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave., will present a new series of stories and films for preschoolers (ages 3-5), at 11 a.m. on Saturday mornings through June 2.

Relay For Life

Walkers and runners will go around the clock in the battle against cancer during the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life. Beginning on June 2 at 10 a.m., and ending 24 hours later on Sunday, June 3, at 10 a.m., teams of eight-15 people will gather at El Cerrito High School, 540 Ashbury Ave. Participants can walk or run relay-style around the track and take part in fun activities when it's not their turn. The public is invited to attend the luncheon ceremony, Saturday at 8:26 p.m. Registration forms and information for the Relay For Life can also be obtained from Shane-Smith, Janice Jordan at 525-2608, or the American Cancer Society, 800-ACS-2345.

Great books group

Great Books Reading Discussion Group meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month from 1-2 p.m. at the Albany Library (1247 Marin Ave.) in the Edith Stone Room. There is no charge. The next meeting is June 19 and the topic is Ralph Ellison: Invisible Man. Details: Lucy Fields, 510-526-8752.

POLICE REPORTS

Stolen car recovered in Oakland

By K. Osborn
CORRESPONDENT

ALBANY — On the morning of May 21 officers investigated reports of BB holes in windows and conduit removed from the roof of Oceanview School on the 1000 block of Jackson Street. There were no witnesses to the vandalism.

■ On the evening of May 21 a resident on the 1000 block of Cornell Avenue reported that his gray '87 Hyundai had been broken into on either May 16 or 17 and his \$900 Mountain Bike had been stolen. There were no witnesses.

■ At about noon on May 22 a resident on the 500 block of Madison Street reported that vandals had smashed the driver's side window of his blue Ford SW. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 4 a.m. on May 23 officers investigated a '96 Toyota on the 600 block of Cleveland Avenue that had two people sleeping inside. They arrested a 24-year-old Alta Loma man who was found to be intoxicated. He was cited and released with a Notice to Appear. The other occupant checked clear and allowed to depart.

■ On the afternoon of May 24 a resident on the 1100 block of Garfield Street reported thieves had broken into her house and stolen items. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 5:30 p.m. on May 24 a resident on the 800 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that her gray '00 Dodge Stratta had been damaged the previous night. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 4 a.m. on May 25 a resident at 535 Pierce St. reported that his white '91 Honda Accord was stolen. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of May 25 a resident on the 1000 block of Ordway Street reported that

thieves had stolen the stereo from his gray '91 Honda Civic during the night. There were no witnesses.

■ The same morning, a resident on the 1500 block of Posen Avenue reported that during the night thieves had stolen her blue '89 Toyota van. There were no witnesses. At about 11 p.m. on May 26 Oakland police reported locating the vehicle. It had not been damaged and the plates were not missing. The owner was notified.

■ On the morning of May 25 a Santa Rosa man reported that he had parked his blue '71 Oldsmobile Cutlass across the street from 555 Pierce St. the previous night and thieves had stolen it. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 12:30 p.m. on May 25 an El Cerrito man reported that his silver '97 Nissan had been broken into while parked in a lot at a bank on the 1400 block of Solano Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 12:30 p.m. on May 25 a resident on the 1100 block of Brighton Avenue reported that thieves had broken into his red '89 Honda Accord. There were no witnesses.

■ On the afternoon of May 25 a resident on the 800 block of Solano reported that thieves had broken into his white '92 Accura. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of May 26 the owner of a restaurant on the 1400 block of Solano Avenue reported that thieves had broken in and stolen items. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 3:30 a.m. on May 27 a 15-year-old Albany boy reported that a few minutes prior he had been attacked by two subjects while near Peralta and Solano avenues. They threatened him with a tire iron and demanded money. They frisked

him, found no money and stole his hat. The subjects then got in a car that had a third person in it and departed north on Peralta Avenue. They were gone when officers arrived. The boy described the driver of the car as a Hispanic male in his 20s. One of the attackers was described as a black male in his 20s, about 5-foot-5, weighing 200 pounds and wearing black clothing. The other attacker was described as a white male, 20-25 years old, with light hair, about six feet tall, weighing 180 pounds and wearing Hawaiian type pants. They were gone when officers arrived.

■ On the morning of May 27 a business owner on the 1000 block of Eastshore Highway reported that during the night thieves had smashed the front window of the business and stolen items. There were no witnesses.

■ On the afternoon of May 27 a resident on the 700 block of Cornell Avenue reported that thieves had smashed the window of his silver '99 Volkswagen Passat. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 8:30 p.m. on May 27 officers observed a suspect stagger across the street near Buchanan and Pierce streets and then urinate on the sidewalk. Officers arrested the 48-year-old Albany man for disorderly conduct. He was cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

During the week of May 21 Albany officers towed two vehicles, responded to nine false alarms, attended to two lost or deceased animals, and assisted three people who were locked out of their house or car. In the domestic arena officers responded to 16 civil disturbances and 98 civil assists. Officers stopped 110 cars and/or pedestrians issuing 47 citations and 63 warnings. Albany firefighter/paramedics responded seven medical emergencies.

Several drug possession arrests made

STAFF REPORT

EL CERRITO — On May 26 at 10:45 p.m. a man was riding a bicycle on Blake Street near Elm Street without required nighttime lights. After being stopped by an ECPD officer, said bicyclist was discovered to be in possession of a credit card that was reported stolen. The man was arrested for possession of stolen property, booked and then released pending further investigation.

■ On May 29 at 3:45 a.m. a vehicle was pulled over by police on San Pablo Avenue near Central Avenue for a state vehicle code violation. The driver was a 25-year-old Richmond man who was found to have an outstanding warrant for his arrest. A passenger in the vehicle, a 24-year-old San Francisco resident, had in his possession several pills suspected to be the drug "Ecstasy." The driver was arrested for the outstanding warrant and taken to county jail. The passenger was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and released pending further investigation.

■ At about 4:40 p.m. on May 27 an alert police officer noticed a vehicle parked in a red zone at the rear of a business located in the 6400 block of Fairmount Avenue. A man and a woman oc-

cupied the suspiciously parked vehicle and both "exhibited the physical signs of being under the influence of a controlled substance." The vehicle was searched and several items of narcotic paraphernalia and a small amount of suspected methamphetamine were discovered. The 32-year-old male driver, a resident of Antioch, tried to use another person's driver's license to falsely identify himself. This ruse did not work and police soon discovered the man's true identity. He was arrested for false impersonation and possession of a controlled substance. The woman, a 35-year-old resident of Alameda, was arrested for possession for a controlled substance. Both were given a ride west to the county jail in Martinez.

■ A suspicious vehicle was reported to be in the 800 block of Galvin Drive on May 24 at about 11:35 a.m. An officer was dispatched to investigate and detected "the odor of marijuana coming from the interior of the vehicle." A large quantity of jewelry was soon found in the vehicle. The neighborhood was canvassed, but no other suspects

were found. Another ECPD officer located a nearby residence on the same block that had recently been burglarized. The man in the car was arrested for suspicion of residential burglary and possession of stolen property and taken to county lock-up.

■ A man was walking the Ohlone Greenway about 10 p.m. on May 16 when two young men overtook him to rob him of his backpack. The victim, a 36-year-old San Pablo resident and UC Berkeley student, was on the greenway just south of Potrero. The two suspects had apparently watched the victim leave the Target store and waited until he was on the greenway to make their move.

■ During the early afternoon of May 10 a woman used devious means in an illegal attempt to enrich herself. At the Bank of America on San Pablo Avenue the unknown woman presented a stolen deposit slip and stolen check from an account in an attempt to deposit the check and receive cash back. She also presented a counterfeit ID. When the bank manager went to make

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Delinquent members urged to pay up

El Cerrito Chamber manager Sewall Glinternick this week called on all members who have not yet paid their dues for 2001 to do so just as soon as possible.

"Our organization," Glinternick explained, "is a non-profit group that receives no public funds. We depend almost entirely on the financial support of our members—mostly in the form of dues to keep this organization going."

At mid-year, there are still over two dozen members who have not yet paid this year's dues.

"We keep our membership fees as low as possible to encourage the widest possible membership. As the result," Glinternick declared, "every member dues is vital if the Chamber's ability to continue its work in behalf of the business community."

Mid-year, he went on, is the time when member reinvestments have a tendency to slow down. During the past two weeks only Best Inn has taken the trouble to extend its membership for another year.

"We appreciate Best Inn's show of support for the El Cerrito Chamber Of Commerce, and hope all the members who have not yet reinvested will send in their 2001 dues just as soon as possible," Glinternick concluded.

In addition to his plea for dues, the Chamber manager also issue an invitation to any member of the residential community in El Cerrito who is not a Business owner but is interested in improving the quality of life here, to join the business group.

"We welcome all interested citizens and offer them an opportunity to become and Associate Member at a cost of only \$40 per year," Glinternick declared.

For more information call 510-233-7040.

Last luncheon scheduled The Chamber's monthly business luncheon series will go on its traditional two-month summer break after the session set for Tuesday, June 26.

There will be no business luncheons during the months of July and August. The series will resume in September.

Meanwhile, the Chamber ofice at 10848 San Pablo Ave., will be open to serve the public Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The June 26 Chamber business lunch at the Mira Vista Golf and Country Club will feature local investment advisor Robert Beren as guest speaker. Small business retirement planning, new stretch IRA sales, 401



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LOCAL PUBLICIST and event photographer Millie Hazen (center) happily receives her El Cerrito Chamber membership plaque from president Marge Collins (left) and City Manager Scot Hanin. Hazen, head of a home-based firm called Meeting Expectations, served as acting principal at Castro School during the recent "Principal For A Day" program sponsored here bi-annually by the Chamber.

SEWALL GLINTERNICK
El Cerrito Chamber

(k) plans, and the future of the thecock markeng the topics Berend will in his talk.

Reservation for the June 26 luncheon are required, and may be made by calling 510-233-7040 on or before close of business on Friday, June 22.

Member firms relocate Two Chamber members — Larry Parks Ltd. and FastServ Medical — have relocated and are now doing business at new locations here.

Larry Parks, formerly of 330 El Cerrito Plaza, has moved to new quarters after 10 years at the shopping center. His new quarters are at 7508 Fairmount Ave., immediately adjacent to the location of his first salon in El Cerrito, which he occupied for eight years before moving to the Plaza.

In addition to offering a full line of beauty services, the new salon will feature a selection of unique gift items. For further information or to make an appointment call 510-528-6644.

Another former Plaza tenant, FastServ Medical has moved from 520 El Cerrito Plaza to larger quarters at 10945 San Pablo Ave. The store's telephone number remains 510-526-3095.

FastServ offers customers with mobility problems a first class line of scooters, power chairs, wheelchairs, stair lifts and lift chairs.

Art show winners The Annual Art Show and Sale staged late last month by the El Cerrito Art Association, an associate Chamber member,

was a big success, drawing 133 entries from 40 association members, 46 pieces from 21 non-members, and posting over \$2,000 in sales.

Winner of the cash prize donated by the Chamber was Debra Golata.

New to this year's show were prizes donated by several Chamber members. Donors and prize winners in this group included:

Marty's Motors prize, Marilyn Head; Seidell Enterprises, Joe Brooks and Janis Porter; Collins Property Management, Barbara Brendlinger; and Giovanni's Produce, Thelma Gillespie.

Other merchants prize and special awards winner were:

Strong and Associates prize, Debra Golata, Rick's Quality Meats, Marion Martin; ECAA Memorial Award, Regine Pressler; Past Presidents Award, Emiline Paulson; Mayor's Award, Joe Brooks;

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NEAT IDEAS

Hazardous material drop-off is now even easier

By Pat Cafel

A simple thing you can do to protect your home from fire or earthquake damage is to properly dispose of hazardous materials. West County has a wonderful free drop-off service, which is now more convenient because an appointment is no longer needed.

The drive-through drop-off West County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility is located one block off the Richmond Parkway at 101 Pittsburg Ave. The open hours are every Thursday and Friday, and the first Saturday of the month, from 9 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. No appointment is needed in the first month of June. If the no-appointment model is successful, it will be continued.

Proof of residence is required (driver's license or garbage bill). The service is free of charge for residents. Businesses pay a fee

for the service, and must make an appointment by calling 888-412-9277. This is also the number to call for more information about the program. For information about the Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste Program, call 510-670-6460.

Hazardous wastes are materials that, for safety and environmental reasons, by law may not be disposed of in the garbage, sewers, or storm drains. They often are labeled: Caution, Warning, Danger, Poison, Toxic, Flammable, or Corrosive. Examples are: adhesives, anti-freeze, car batteries, fertilizers, pesticides, poisons, cleaners, asbestos, paint, solvents and thinners, household batteries, used motor oil and filters, photo chemicals, and aerosols.

When delivering materials to the facility, keep materials in original containers if possible and do not mix materials. Make sure lids are on tightly and place any leaking container in a sealed

plastic bag (label the bag). A limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds of waste may be delivered in one vehicle.

Two tips regarding hazardous materials:

1. Buy only the amount needed and choose non-toxic alternative products, and
2. Offer to take neighbors' materials along with your own as long as the total is within the above allowable limit. This is particularly helpful to older or disabled neighbors.

The NEAT Program (Neighborhood Emergency Assistance Teams) offers information and training in emergency preparedness through the El Cerrito-Kensington Fire Department. For more information, contact NEAT Program Coordinator Pat Cafel, 510-525-7268, cafel@juno.com, and visit the NEAT Website at www.neat-teams.org.

IN BRIEF

Sister Cities Parade returns on Saturday

The third annual Sister Cities Parade & Multicultural Festival on June 2 will include Peruvian music, Indian dance, Native American pow-wow dancing, a bell choir, Chinese martial arts, craft booths, international food, blues music and performance poetry.

Those enjoying the festivities will include consuls from four nations including Vice Consul Shelley Jackson of Australia and Deputy Consul General Boqing Deng of China. El Cerrito Mayor Larry Damon and Richmond Vice Mayor Nat Bates will also attend as co-parade marshals.

Celebrating Culture & Community. CC&C is organizing the parade and festival and the cities of El Cerrito and Richmond are co-sponsors. The California Arts Council is also helping to fund the event.

The parade will start at Alvarado School on Carlson Boulevard at 11 a.m. and end its way to the El Cerrito Community Center (7007 Moerser Lane) where the festival begins at noon and runs until 5 p.m. The parade will travel south on Carlson, then turn east to San Pablo Avenue via Columbia Avenue. From San Pablo Avenue it will go up Moerser Lane to the Community Center. More than 14 performing groups will be there to entertain on two stages.

There will be food and games as well.

Program seeks jobs for disabled youths

The Workability Program at Albany High School provides services that assist high school youth with disabilities in their transition into the work environment. As adult members of society we are responsible to teach our young people that they have the ability to make a difference and can be valued participants of this community and society at large.

The program is looking for jobs, either paid or volunteer, for students this summer. These entry level positions can include jobs in retail or service industries.

If you wish to hire a Workability student, or would like further information, please call the Albany Unified School District Special Services Department at 510-559-6670.

Man to try again for backyard concerts

A Kensington man will ask the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors to allow him to hold benefit concerts in his backyard amphitheater.

Danny Scher's plan to hold three or four benefit concerts a year at his 250-seat amphitheater on Coventry Road was rejected this month by the Contra Costa Community Development Department. Deputy director Catherine Kutsuris found fundraising concerts to be commercial in nature and therefore not permissible at Scher's residence.

The Board of Supervisors will

hear Scher's appeal at 9 a.m. on July 10, Kutsuris said.

Scher declined to comment on the county's decision, but confirmed he plans to appeal.

Some of Scher's neighbors objected to the concert plan, citing noise and traffic. Scher had planned to hold his first benefit concert May 20 as a fund-raiser for the Parkinson's Institute.

After receiving notice from the county that it would violate the county code, Scher instead held a small afternoon get-together with live music. Kensington police said they received one noise complaint.

Free ESL classes in offered in Albany

Morning and evening English as a Second Language (ESL) classes will begin the week of June 11. Morning classes meet from 8:30 to 11:40 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Evening classes meet from 6 to 9:10 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

There is no fee of any kind and books are provided. Classes meet at the Adult School building at 601 San Gabriel Ave., Albany. ESL classes are open to residents of Albany as well as those who live in other communities.

The ESL program at Albany Adult School is designed to help meet the needs of long time residents or recent immigrants who do not speak English or who want to improve their English.

Class levels of beginning, advanced beginning, and a combination intermediate/advanced help adults improve their skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing English.

Summer classes at Albany Adult School

Summer session classes will start at Albany Adult School during the week of June 18.

These tuition-based, community service classes include foreign languages, many art classes, photography, cooking, music, and computer classes. New this summer are:

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In addition to the traditional classroom setting, Albany Adult School is offering in cooperation with Boston-Reed a selection of courses online. Many computer courses are available through this Web site as well as other course selections. Information is available at www.courses2go.com/AlbanyAdult. Class schedules for

the traditional summer school classes are available at local libraries from Berkeley to Pinole (particularly Albany's library at Marin and Masonic avenues) as well as on the steps of the Adult School.

Works by EC artist Gates in exhibit

Paintings by El Cerrito artist Sharyl Gates are on display Tuesdays through Saturdays from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. through July at M. Lowe & Co., 1519 Shattuck Ave. in Berkeley. Details: 510-527-9374.



City honored for efforts for disabled

EL CERRITO City Councilwoman Janet Abelson accepts an award check for \$2,000 on behalf of the city from Bob Planthold representing the National Organization on Disability, at a recent Council meeting. Watching are Robert Coleman, of Albany-El Cerrito Access, and Dorothy Giller, El Cerrito's representative to the National Organization on Disability. El Cerrito was one of only seven cities and three counties nationwide to win in the organization's Year 2001 Community Awards Competition. El Cerrito took second place for cities under 50,000 for outstanding disability programs. "It was impressive to the NOD people that there was such a variety of changes and activities that your town went through for access enhancement," Planthold said. The award money will be used to add more audible signals at San Pablo Avenue intersections to help the blind and visually impaired cross the street safely.

Chamber

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Community Service Award, Albert Nodal; and Women's Club of El Cerrito Award, Phyllis Myers.

Funds for bike lot here The Chamber has been informed that money to help

cover the cost of building a bicycle parking facility at the Plaza BART station was recommended late last month by the West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee.

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More bids for funding by schools

West Contra Costa school board may put a construction bond and parcel tax on the ballot

By Suzanne Pardington

STAFF WRITER

Hoping to ride a five-year wave of strong voter support, the West Contra Costa school board may place two funding measures on the ballot in the next year: a parcel tax to buy instructional supplies and a construction bond to repair secondary schools.

Trustees plan to poll voters this summer to determine how much money to ask for and when to ask for it.

But they agree the 34,000-student district needs more money to replace textbooks, buy technology, replenish teaching supplies and expand its extensive elementary school construction project to include middle and high schools — and voters have seemed willing to pay.

"Much like there's a feeling across the district that facilities are woefully inadequate and in urgent need of repair and upgrade, there's a belief that attitudes toward the inventory of educational materials could be similarly described," said George Harris III, school board president.

The ballot proposals come less than a year after 77 percent of voters approved Measure M, a \$150 million bond measure to repair and replace the district's aging elementary schools. In 1998, 76 percent of voters approved Measure E, a \$40 million bond measure with a new Richmond middle school as its flagship project.

And in 1996, voters broke a 30-year school funding drought by throwing their support behind a \$72-per-parcel tax measure for

play structures and recreation facilities.

But, Harris said, the district needs to make progress on projects funded by Measure M — all still in the planning phase — before it asks the voters for more bond money. The district broke ground on the middle school in Richmond this spring, more than two years after Measure E was approved.

The delay and escalating construction estimates on the middle school alarmed some residents, who worried that the bond money was not being spent as promised.

"We have to show some credibility and show we have the ability to deliver what we said on Measure M," Harris said. "There should be some serious markers of progress before we go out again."

Scottie Smith, mother of a student at De Anza High, said she would not vote for another bond measure until the district explains what it has done with the money it already has.

"They have not shown me we are financially better off and the buildings are in better shape," Smith said. "I need to see more evidence."

Harris said he wants to ask voters for a parcel tax for instructional supplies in November, but the board will likely wait until 2002 to place a construction bond on the ballot. The parcel tax would help the district pay for new textbooks aligned with state standards and free up state funding to beef up academic programs and support in schools, he said.

The district has spent \$5 million so far in 2000-01 on textbooks and instructional supplies.

But not all trustees are convinced bonds should come before buildings.

Glen Price said he recognizes that the district needs more money for textbooks, technology and instructional supplies, but he's not sure a parcel tax is the best way to raise the money. Because a parcel tax is usually the same for every property owner, no matter how much the property is worth, the poor bear "an inordinate amount of the burden," he said.

"If we have to make an urgent investment, it's in bringing our secondary schools up to par," he said.

A consultant estimated last summer it would cost the district more than \$210 million to fix every structural and cosmetic defect in the district's 39 elementary schools. Another \$300 million would fix the middle and high schools and build classrooms to avoid severe overcrowding.

If the school board places a bond measure on the November ballot, it would need a two-thirds majority to pass. Last year's Proposition 39, which lowered the threshold to pass school bonds from a two-thirds majority to 55 percent, kicks in only in a general election. The next general election is in March 2002.

Parcel taxes always need a two-thirds majority to pass.

Trustee Charles Ramsey said the poll will help the board determine what voters are most likely to approve.

"If we want to see property values increase, businesses expand and good families move into the area, you're talking about schools," he said. "It's not just about what's going on with instruction but the physical appearance of the facilities."

The board will discuss polling voters at its June 6 meeting.

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An unforgettable cruise through an awe-inspiring canal

On an unusually clear but sauna-hot morning in April, fellow passenger, Mr. Yee and I were about to turn into excited 10-year-olds, and all because our cruise ship was going through the Panama Canal.

From earlier conversations, I knew we shared a similar enthusiasm. (Mary Ann would argue there are many, far less important things that can turn me into a 10-year-old, and she's probably right.)

Mr. Yee was part of a wonderful group of listeners and readers who joined us for an 11-day cruise on the Crystal Harmony sailing from Acapulco to New Orleans. Ports of call included Puntarenas, Costa Rica, Playa del Carmen and Cozumel, Mexico, with an extended stay in New Orleans.

On board there were activities galore, including special parties we had planned for our gang, and at each stop were myriad shore excursions.

But, clearly, the star of the cruise was the Panama Canal crossing. It took nine hours to complete the 50-mile journey, and the ship's toll was \$128,924.72. (Although less expensive, I think a Bay Bridge weekend commute comes in second place for time spent crossing.)

It was a captivating experience for all, and what helped made it so was reading David McCullough's book, "Path Between the Seas: The Creation of the Panama Canal, 1870-1914." Our neighbor Wendy tipped us off to this hefty tome months before the trip. And, for our guests, the man who put the trip together, Bill Knight of All Cruise Travel, wisely and generously included a book with everybody's travel documents.

We had the good fortune to watch the ship enter the Miraflores Locks from the Harmony's bridge. We received an invitation after the captain learned Mary Ann's best friend grew up close to his hometown in Norway. So thank you, Aase Holtsmark in Paris!

This is when the 10-year-old began to emerge. Dashing from port to starboard we watched the pilot sail the Harmony under the Bridge of the Americas and into the 81-foot-deep lock. Some 52 million gallons of water would be used to move us from one end to the other. Early as it was, everyone on the ship was up to watch the maneuver. Sailing the Gaillard Cut and Gatun Lake was interesting, but the locks at either end of the canal were what really caught everybody's attention.

Digital cameras, video cameras and disposable cameras were everywhere. Mary Ann sketched, which I liked because colored pencils are a lot less expensive and I always look better in her drawings than I do on camera.

We entered the canal from the Pacific side of Panama's Continental Divide. By late afternoon, the Harmony was raised and lowered 85 feet in a series of three lock steps before sailing into the Caribbean



MIKE CLEARY
The Food and Travel Enthusiast

Sea in time for us to suit up for the formal dinner.

Interestingly, due to Panama's unique S-shaped geography, ships that are heading from west to east actually travel from east to west.

What McCullough's book does is put a human face on the crossing. Armed with the history of the Panama Canal, you more fully appreciate sailing, for instance, through the Gaillard Cut, an 8-mile-long channel that was carved through rock and shale. Remembering the immense challenge of building this section of the canal, you can picture the residents and workers who would gather on Gold Hill to watch the giant earth-moving machines at work. Personalities like de Lesseps, Wallace, Stevens, Gorgas and Roosevelt and their unique contributions come to mind.

In the words of the Panama Canal Commission, the canal is an "awe-inspiring achievement," perhaps the greatest engineering feat of the 20th century.

By the way, we have planned another "Food and Wine" cruise for Aug. 25. This time we will board the Crystal Harmony in San Francisco for a seven-day journey, sailing under the Golden Gate to Acapulco with stops in Los Angeles, Cabo San Lucas and Puerto Vallarta. The food's terrific, the

ship is first class, the price is ridiculously low and I promise to sing on Karaoke Night. Call Bill Knight at 800-2-CRUISE and he'll fill you in.

Mike Cleary's column appears twice monthly. He and his wife, Mary Ann, co-host "The Food and Travel Enthusiasts" radio program at 10 a.m. Sundays on KABL, 960 AM. Readers can e-mail Mike at mcleary@960kabl.com.

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VIEWPOINT

Suspend and revise El Cerrito view ordinance

Honorable El Cerrito City Council Members:

We write to you to express our concerns regarding Chapter 10.90 of the Municipal Code, the so-called "View Ordinance," and to request that the ordinance be suspended while it undergoes major revision, or ideally, that it be repealed. The ordinance is seriously flawed, both on a conceptual and technical basis.

The entire basis for adopting the ordinance, as presented under "Intent and Purpose" in Subsection 10.90.110 (A), is faulty. The "findings" presented in this section are incomplete and heavily biased in favor of "view claimants." The first finding, indicating that its trees and its views enhance the attractiveness and livability of the city, is correct and fair. However, the remainder of the findings includes nine statements in favor of views and zero in favor of trees. If the findings were complete and unbiased, they would include far more statements in favor of trees.

Additionally, all the statements in favor of views revolve around a single issue — property values. Property values are important and certainly views can have an effect on the value of an individual property. However, it is a huge and unfounded leap to state that if some views within the city were allowed to be blocked, the city would suffer any noticeable economic hardship, or that neighborhoods would become "economically unstable," as the ordinance implies.

Perhaps what is most alarming about the findings in Subsection 10.90.110 (A) is that the value of trees is completely ignored. Mature trees contribute not only to the property value of the tree-owner's property, but to neighboring properties as well. "Tree-lined street" is a catch phrase loved by realtors. And those trees contribute to the value of every house on that street, as opposed to a view, which contributes only to the value of the individual property that claims the view. Additionally, trees promote the public health, safety, and welfare in many direct ways that are far more important than individual property values. Trees remove ozone and carbon dioxide, as well as other pollutants, from the air — a single tree can remove as much as 800 lbs. of carbon dioxide annually. In addition, trees help to minimize erosion and retain slopes (extremely important on El Cerrito's hillsides), provide shade, reduce noise, and improve the quality of runoff from the local watershed, thereby reducing the amount of pollutants entering the San Francisco Bay. Not a single one of these benefits was included in the findings and reasons presented in Subsection 10.90.110 (A).

If the findings and reasons presented in Subsection (A) were complete and unbiased, we question whether or not this council would still conclude, as it did in Subsection (B), that these regulations are necessary to "promote the public health, safety, and welfare." A fair consideration of all benefits of trees and views is necessary before that conclusion can be made. As stated above, trees directly benefit public health, safety, and welfare by removing air pollution, retaining slopes, providing shade, reducing noise, and reducing water pollution: these are five very tangible, real, and direct health benefits of maintaining mature trees. We can think of no direct health, safety, or welfare benefit of maintaining a view.

In addition to the serious inadequacies of the findings presented in the intent and purpose section of the ordinance, there is an overall bias against

tree owners throughout the ordinance. This bias gives view claimants reason to believe that they have a legal right to the same view they had when they acquired their property. Armed with this belief, view claimants approach tree owners with unreasonable expectations, demanding aggressive tree topping or even tree removal, regardless of how small a percentage of their view is affected. Such expectations immediately doom any reasonable negotiations between neighbors and accelerate the process into a legal nightmare for all parties. If the purpose of the ordinance, as stated in paragraph 10.90.110(A)(6) is "to provide a method to resolve disputes between neighbors" it is failing miserably. In fact, we believe the ordinance is increasing both the ferocity and frequency of disputes.

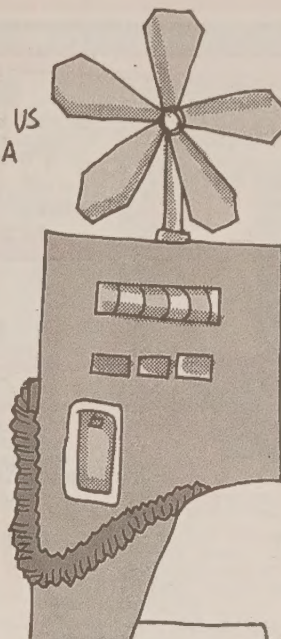
An example of unreasonable bias in favor of view claimants is the finding presented in paragraph 10.90.110(A)(6), which indicates "the city needs to... allow the restoration of views lost due to tree growth." Not only does this statement make the view the overriding priority, it negates the possibility of filtered or partial views and completely ignores basic arboriculture standards. Webster's dictionary defines "restore" as "to bring back or put back into a former or original state." This is a broad, unreasonable statement that makes no allowances for any of the benefits the trees provide the tree owner and the community in general, only that views must be allowed to be restored, period. Trees will grow, they will die, they are dynamic living things, and they cannot be frozen in time. If a tree grows into a view, even in the slightest amount, this ordinance dictates that it is the city's responsibility to allow the restoration of that view. In many cases, this could mean the removal of healthy mature trees. Although city officials deny that this is what the ordinance says, it's there in black and white.

Other serious flaws of the ordinance include the fact that there is no limitation on the distance from the view claimant's viewing location to the view-obstructing trees. A view claimant can take action against a tree owner who may be several blocks or even miles away. In addition, the ordinance is unfair to new property owners. A new owner may have purchased a property in large part because of the benefits of the mature trees, only to find out weeks or months after moving in that he could be forced to remove those trees. If the City of El Cerrito wishes to maintain this seriously flawed ordinance, all real estate transactions should be required to disclose that it exists and that view claimants may have more of a right to their trees than the owners do. We predict such disclosure would have more of an impact on property values than any perceived impact of repealing the ordinance.

The city has tried to assure us that the tree commission would only require tree removal in "extreme" cases. However, this is not what the ordinance says, and if a property owner finds himself in the position of defending his trees against a view claimant, it is only prudent that he hire an attorney as soon as possible. The city has also told us that it wouldn't actually "record" any final decisions of the tree commission against a property, as required by Section 10.90.180. The city seems to be doing a Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde. The ordinance very clearly states "Any final decision of the tree commission or the council, in the

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Statement by Gina Brusatori

The following is a statement read by El Cerrito City Councilwoman Gina Brusatori at Monday's meeting:

I apologize for losing my temper and certainly do not intend to interrupt anyone when I called for a closed session at our last council meeting (May 21).

There are important issues at stake here, namely the confidentiality of communications from the city attorney to the council and the impartiality of council members. I do not want those issues to be lost because people may feel that I acted inappropriately.

I am committed to ensure the integrity of the Freethy appeal process and do not want my call for a closed session to be overshadowed by the manner in which it was voiced. I look forward to maintaining the constructive and civil discourse in our council meetings that I initiated as mayor in 1999 and I will be more mindful of my own actions in the future.

Gina Brusatori
El Cerrito

You cannot have democracy without 'criticism'

Mark Friedman was an admirable mayor, much praised, rarely if ever criticized. Now, suddenly, he calls incisive public comment "outbursts, name-calling, lack of civility" (see his Journal Viewpoint, May 23). Why?

The best explanation is that he's paying off a debt to those who helped get him elected. I raised serious issues about the Lumberyard project, casting doubts on the objectivity of the process. Yet rather than help make sure it is above board, Mark criticizes a "yelling and screaming colleague", without mentioning names. It was Councilwoman Gina Brusatori, who dared raise her voice when she found out confidential memos may have been leaked. Then Mark attacks me, stating no name, for "outlandish charges of conspiracies."

Clearly, he didn't like my explanation of why his political entourage promotes a project potentially harmful to the community. Since they cannot contest the actual facts, it fell to Mark to try and gag me. Eschewing names does not disqualify Mark's outbursts as "name-calling." It just confirms that the El Cerrito Democratic Club (ECDC) he serves, fears an open discussion of issues. Mark spoke out, not in the heat of the moment, but after due thought, making his less than polite obliqueness a worse transgression than the outspokenness of those whom he chastises.

ECDC hopes to "retake" the City Hall they lost in spite of waging the filthiest election campaign in our recent history. One would think they could risk an issue-based campaign for once, since El Cerrito is after all a formerly Democratic

town. But realizing their ideology-driven arguments may not convince the voters, they yank the chain, and Mark starts barking up the wrong tree, as they want him to. Rather than praising vocal residents for being on the lookout for staff mismanagement, he calls it "trying to micromanage the City," with the obvious goal of moving staff to his political side. Question: Is Mark defensive about staff's performance, or is he trying to make sure staff will rally to his politics? El Cerrito's so-called "progressives" are as self-righteous and as autocratic as the "conservative right" that now controls Washington, D.C.

Due to left-wing stupidity, we have a right-wing president. But locally, we can still insist on serving the public's rather than entrenched interests. Debating real issues, not phony "civil" discourse, should be the basis for decision making and the crux of the coming election. We cannot have peace without justice, nor can we have democracy without "criticism." Mark is smart and competent — he doesn't need to be a sellout. It is sad if he believes he must hide real facts and issues from the public, to achieve political success in our town.

Peter Loubal
El Cerrito

'Seeing through' plywood windows

What's up with all the plywood being put up in place of glass at El Cerrito High School? The north side of the high school looks like an abandoned building.

My neighbor came over recently and asked me, "What's up with all the plywood being put up instead of glass at El Cerrito High School?" He knows that I am somewhat of a school big mouth. But I had to tell him, "I don't have a clue." In fact, I, too, had been noticing that glass panes are being replaced by plywood on the north side of the high school. I said to him, "Why don't you ask the principal." All three of my neighbor's kids graduated from El Cerrito High. Then they went on and graduated from Dartmouth, UC San Diego, etc., very successful kids. My neighbor isn't happy with the current appearance of the high school. "Drags the property values down to have the high school looking like an abandoned building, not to mention what it does to the kids," he said to me. "I'll check on it," he promised me. "I know Mike Aaronian (the principal of El Cerrito High School) personally." Everyone who has lived around here more than two decades knows Mike Aaronian personally. "Good," I said wearily, "we need some new voices getting involved in this system."

I checked back with my neighbor about the plywood windows. What he was told was the district allocated funds for replacement of windows, but not window frames, and what has allegedly gone wrong with the windows at ECHS is the window frames, so hence they could not

replace the windows because it is the frames that need replacement. I must admit that I found this excuse lacking credibility — a windows budget is a windows budget.

So for now they are nailing up plywood. My concern has been safety, aesthetics, and the subtle message to the high school community — something about being boarded up in a plywood prison.

And, of course, after a decade of deprivation, I know the district will respond to this concern with their most frequent refrain, "We don't have the money." What I ask myself as a property owner in El Cerrito is what are MRAD, Measure E and Measure M about?

Rebecca Hazlewood
El Cerrito

ECYB Golf tournament fund-raiser a success

El Cerrito Youth Baseball would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for their contributions to our second annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser and Silent Auction on Tuesday, May 22: Mr. Mark Luthman and American Golf Corporation for the use of their wonderful facility at Tilden Park Golf Course and for their donation of rounds at their Franklin Canyon, Monarch Bay, and Summitpointe Golf Clubs to our silent auction. Donna Houser Mira Vista Country Club, Bob Wong and Richmond Country Club, and Rio Vista Golf Club, and for their donations of a round of golf for four; Strizzi's Restaurants and the Oakland Athletics for their contribution of gifts for our silent auction; Matt Kelleher, for his donation of raffle prizes and favors for the 80 plus golfers participating in this event.

And, a special thanks to Denny Parra, for organizing this fantastic event, and to the other ECYB volunteers who helped make it happen. Thanks to all of you for your support of ECYB's efforts to provide recreational opportunities and instruction in the game of baseball for the 400 children and young adults who participate in our program each year!

David J. Jung
ECYB board president

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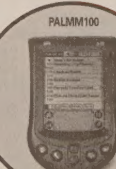
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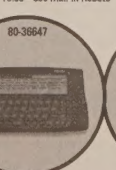
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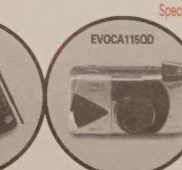
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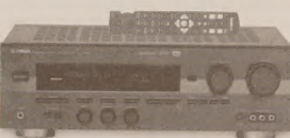
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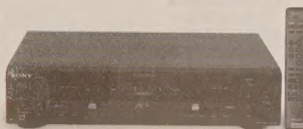
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ALBANY PTA NEWS

By Kay Weinstein
CORRESPONDENT

Albany High School

Interested parents may receive the daily bulletin and important announcements by e-mail. Contact Ruth Gjerde at ruthg@eecs.berkeley.edu

June 1, Senior Awards Assembly & Luncheon, Veterans Memorial Building

June 4, PTA Meeting, 7 PM, AHS Library, Election of 2001-2 Officers

June 11, Site Council Meeting, 6 PM, AHS Office Conference Room

June 11, Band Boosters Meeting, 7 PM, AHS Band Room

June 15, Senior Boat Cruise following graduation, 11:30 p.m.-4:30 a.m., four adult chaperones needed, e-mail Becca Sanchez at beccas@pacbell.net

CHAPERONES NEEDED, e-mail Becca Sanchez at beccas@pacbell.net

Albany Middle School

Interested parents may re-

ceive the daily bulletin and important announcements by e-mail. Contact Linda Okamoto at alanhome@lmi.net

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Nootime Supervision, 11:35-12:20 for sixth grade, 12:30-1:15 for seventh and eighth grades, if available any day, call Sara Danielson at 558-3600 or e-mail sarad@albany.k12.ca.us

Volunteers Needed to provide teacher treats May 25 if you can bring bagels and cream cheese, muffins, fruit or vegetable trays, call Karen McKee at 415-262-9636 (work) or kzmkeown@yahoo.com

June 6, PTA meeting, 7 p.m., AMS Library

June 7, Spring Concert, 7 PM, AMS Gym

June 14, Graduation, 7:30 p.m.

June 15, eighth Grade Marine World Field Trip

SCRIP Orders: If you shop at Safeway, sign up for eScrip by calling 1-800-400-7878 or register online at escrip.com. Old Navy is now available from eS-

crip. Register online for Andronico's at schoolpop.com or call 1-800-456-1032. We can provide Albertson's Community Partners cards. Call Linda Okamoto at 525-6782. E-mail Linda at alanhome@lmi.net

REMINDER: Save and turn in General Mills boxtops for education to office.

Cornell Elementary

SCRIP sales: Safeway scrip must be purchased from eScrip (1-800-400-7878 or escrip.com). Register online for Andronico's at schoolpop.com or call 1-800-456-1032. Natural Grocery and Berkeley Bowl paper SCRIP also for sale in the office.

Marin Elementary

June 6, PTA Meeting, 7 PM, Marin Multi-Purpose Room

Berkeley Bowl, Ranch 99 Market and Natural Grocery paper SCRIP for sale Monday and Friday mornings from 8:30 to 9 and 9:30 to 10 a.m. Orders can be placed in office at any time. Albertson's Community Partners Cards available at these times. Safeway and Whole Foods electronic scrip must be purchased from eScrip (1-800-400-7878 or escrip.com). Marin School account number is 136951780. Register online for Andronico's at schoolpop.com or call 800-456-1032.

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Ocean View

SCRIP for sale in the office. Safeway scrip must be purchased from eScrip (1-800-400-7878 or escrip.com). Register online for Andronico's at schoolpop.com or call 1-800-456-1032. We are now selling paper scrip from Ranch 99 Market.

RECYCLE used computer printer cartridges from your home or office. Look for bins in the library soon.

Board of Education

June 12, regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

June 26, regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

Attention shoppers

Support Albany Schools by going to www.schoolpop.com to access 125 merchants including Andronico's, Wegman, Amazon.com, drugstore.com and Land's End. Up to 20 percent of every purchase goes back to your school.

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EL CERRITO PTA NEWS

By Linda Takimoto
CORRESPONDENT

PTABayside Council

2001-02 board information and annual report forms due NOW.

Adams Middle School

June 7, eighth Grade Recognition - 6:30 p.m. in the gym.

June 15, eighth Grade Promotion Party - 9 a.m. to noon in the gym.

The Adams library is collecting empty computer ink jet cartridges (the small ink jet cartridges - black and/or color; no laser cartridges or copier toner cartridges). There is a collection bucket in the library on the third floor.

Anyone who shops at Albertson can help us by using the Albertson Community Partner card. There is no cost to the member. If you are interested in receiving a card, please send a note to the Adams PTA at 5000 Patterson Circle, Richmond, CA 94805 and a card will be sent to you. We are also participating in the Target Guest Card and eScrip program (Adams ID#4654695). If you are interested in helping, please call the PTA voice message line or send an email message to cchan2429@aol.com.

PTA E-mail - Weekly PTA bulletins are being sent. If you know any friends or neighbors who might be interested, please send your email address to Connie Chan Kucera at cchan2429@aol.com

Adams: PTA Voice Message line is (510) 464-1360, ext 70. Call this number to hear the weekly bulletins. Pass on this phone

number to people who do not have email.

Read about Adams on the Internet: Access the PTA newsletter at www.elcerritowire.com and type "Adams Middle School" in the search box. Access the student newspaper, the Falcon Flyer at: www.highwired.net/Paper/PageOne/0,1859,964,00.html

Castro Elementary

June 6, Carnival - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

June 12, Celebration of Terri Kelly's teaching career. Mrs. Kelly will be retiring this June after many years at Castro. All former students and their families are invited to join Mrs. Kelly and the Castro PTA for dessert and reflections on a great teaching career. 7p.m. in the MPR. For more information call Sheryl at 232-1325, Linda at 237-6183 or Karen at 233-4899.

Fundraisers: Castro is enrolled in eScrip (ID#137627554), Albertson's, Target, and SchoolPop fundraising programs. Call Peggy Wilcox at 236-0761 to find out how you can benefit Castro when you shop.

El Cerrito High

June 6, Dance Performance - 8 p.m., Little Theater, admission at the door.

June 7, Pizza Roma Night, 5-8 p.m. This will be our last Pizza Roma Night for this school year. Support our school! Order a pizza and mention ECHS and Pizza Roma will donate 25 percent of the evenings profit.

June 7, Year End Concert and Awards II, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Band and Choir, 7:30 p.m., Little Theater, admission at the

door.

NEW SCRIP SALES: El Cerrito High School PTSA is enrolled in the eScrip program. Our group ID is 5221087. Individual members pay an annual fee of \$10 to register their Safeway loyalty or other credit cards with eScrip. A percentage of the supporters' purchases is contributed by the merchant partner to ECHS PTSA on a monthly basis. Participating merchants are: Safeway, Andronico's, Cody's Books, Chevron, Old Navy, Eddie Bauer, and Payless Shoes. You may register online at www.escripinc.com or look for registration forms at various school events. Any questions, call Cheryl Black 527-7070 (days) or 237-1696 (evenings).

Want to be kept informed of all events, activities, tests date, college info, etc.? Join the ECHS e-mail forum. All school notices will be emailed to you. To sign up, please email Joann Steck-Bayat at jsbayat@home.com. Be sure to specify that you would like to be added to the ECHS e-mail forum.

Portola Middle School

June 2, American Cancer Society Relay for Life, ECHS track.

June 4, Healthy Start Parents Meeting - 6:30 p.m. in Room 122. These meetings are open to all parents, grandparents, guardians, and other caring adults. We provide a space where parents can come together, share the joys and difficulties of parenting, and support each other and our children. We want to extend an open invitation especially to new parents who may not have

attended a Healthy Start Parent Meeting before, and to "old" parents who may not have come to a meeting for a while. We have experienced many changes this year, individually and as a school community. This is a great opportunity to wrap up the school year and look forward to the summer. Returning parents: bring some ideas for next year; 8th grade parents: bring your wisdom and strategies!

June 5, Portola Bands concert - 7 p.m. in the gym.

June 13, Eighth grade promotion night, 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the gym.

July 26, Tentative PTA meeting - planning for fall 2001.

Fundraisers: Portola is enrolled in eScrip and Albertson's fundraising programs. Call Peggy Wilcox at 236-0761 to find out how you can benefit Portola while you shop.

Teen Center - Monday through Thursday from 3p.m. to 5p.m. at the Community Center. Fee - \$6 drop in or \$50 monthly. Great activities, trips and special events. Call 215-4370 for more information.

E-mail forum - school information and meeting notices direct to your email box. Send your email address and request to be on the mail list to Joann Steck-Bayat at jsbayat@home.com.

Stege Elementary

June 2, Carnival - 10 a.m. to 2p.m. All are invited for fun and games.

Items? Call Linda Takimoto at 237-6183 or email: ltakimoto@yahoo.com

Snyder

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case of an appeal, which provides for limitations on the property of a tree owner shall be recorded.... The ordinance does not make this optional - it is required. In fact, it is one of the few things in the ordinance that is very clearly stated. If the city does not intend to complete such recordings the ordinance must be repealed, otherwise the city will be in violation of its own ordinance.

It has been suggested to us by a representative of the city that the requirement to record a decision against a property is included in the ordinance as an incentive to get the tree owner to cooperate. However, this provision, like any other potential penalty, has the opposite effect. Neighbors cooperate for the sake of being neighborly, not because they get pushed into a corner by a faulty ordinance that raises unrealistic expectations of view claimants and violates basic rights of the tree owners. This concept of cooperation through threat of penalty is yet another fault of the ordinance.

When it comes to considering the value of the tree vs. the value of the view, the ordinance is very vague. Section 10.90.150 provides a list of "benefits and burdens" to be considered, but provides no specific method for valuing anything, and nothing to educate view claimants about internationally recognized arboriculture standards. This lack of clarity makes tree owners very anxious. Similarly for view restoration, everything from "no action" to "tree removal" can be considered, but no specific criteria are provided for any of those decisions. Again, this lack of clarity makes tree owners very anxious and forces any prudent property owner to seek legal assistance when confronted by a view claimant. In addition, the ordinance makes it clear that the tree owner could end up footing the bill for the entire view restoration process (Subparagraph 10.90.160(C)(2)(a)) - yet another gross bias, and yet another reason to hire an attorney.

This ordinance is seriously flawed. It is not accomplishing what it was intended to accomplish, and is probably making matters worse. It is costing El Cerrito residents thousands of real (not speculative) dollars,

and if it isn't suspended or repealed soon, those costs will be in the 10s of thousands of dollars. None of that money is helping to promote the public health, safety, and welfare. In addition to the financial burden, there is a serious emotional and psychological burden as well. Property owners should not be forced to defend their right to own and maintain a beautiful and mature tree.

In conclusion, this grossly biased ordinance is a financial, emotional, and psychological burden to city residents. It does not promote reasonable negotiations between neighbors; it promotes extended legal battles that benefit nobody other than the attorneys. To promote public health, safety, and welfare, the City of El Cerrito should suspend the ordinance while it undergoes major revision, or better yet, repeal the ordinance entirely.

We request that this issue be added to the agenda of an upcoming council meeting within the next month and that the ordinance be given a critical review so that the council can make an informed decision regarding its future.

Paul and Pam
Gilbert-Snyder
El Cerrito

A look at Alexandra Jeffers, Albany's Youth of the Year

Last week two exceptional people were recognized by the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Albany for their devotion to the community. Ruth Meniketti for her many volunteer activities over many years, was named Volunteer of the Year, and Alexandra Jeffers, a Sophomore at Albany High School, as Youth of the Year.

I knew Ruth. As a matter of fact, I profiled her in these pages about a year or so ago, because whenever something happened in Albany, Ruth was usually there, and had often worked as a volunteer for the event. A quiet, soft spoken woman, Ruth is a familiar and welcome presence in the library and in many other places in the city. Truly, a person worthy of this recognition. We congratulate her and congratulate

Albany for having her as a volunteer.

But I didn't know Alexandra Jeffers, and I wondered why, out of all the young people in our community, she was chosen as Youth of the Year. So I made an appointment to meet with her and find out. And, yes, it is a well-deserved recognition.

Alexandra Jeffers was born in Berkeley and has lived all of her life in Albany. At present she is a sophomore at Albany High School. She loves school and is a straight-A student.

But her outside activities are what drew the interest and the praise of the community. She works with developmentally disabled children at the Albany Pool. The program is sponsored by the Downs Syndrome Connection, and is called the Step Together program. It is, as

Alexandra explains, "a creative movement dance class for teens with developmental disabilities." Alexandra is an adaptive aquatic instructor aide.

I asked her how she happened to do this work, and she told me the story. It was of particular interest to me, because a few weeks ago Alexandra's mother, Ellen Jeffers had emailed me with a suggestion for someone to write about. That person was Nancy Henderson, a PE teacher at Albany High School, who, Mrs. Jeffers told me, was a wonderful teacher and an inspiration to the girls.

Now Alexandra reported that when she was in the eighth grade, a new PE teacher arrived at the school, and all of the girls liked her immediately. A few days after the start of the

school year Alexandra was talking with the new teacher, that same Nancy Henderson, in the school yard. Alex mentioned that the summer before her Girl Scout troop had taken a wheelchair to camp to test it. Surprised, Ms Henderson reported that she was the manager of that wheelchair basket ball team. And she told her student about the disabled youngsters she worked with in what they now call "Adaptive P E".

Young Jeffers visited the adaptive PE class, and became interested in the youngsters who made up such classes. She

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said other students from regu-

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solve difficult negotiations." According to AUSD superintendent Gary Mills, the district wanted someone willing to devote more time to the negotiations. "We just needed more time by the attorney on this manner," said Mills, adding that the previous attorney, Peter Fagin, didn't have the same flexibility to handle the difficult issues at hand. "(Lozano) did a fine job the other day in negotiations and we look forward to Friday, June 8 for continued mediation. It's good that we keep talking and communicating as we move into fact-finding."

Union President Dave De Hart this week said he was somewhat pleased that the district showed signs of moving forward by bringing in an attorney willing to put more time in on the matter.

"I like the fact that a new negotiator brings some new dialogue to the table... he said that we have to look at some radical ideas now."

"It would be radical to make salaries a priority first and then see the extra money to add back to the programs. That would be radical because usually the district spends money on everything else and teachers end up with the crumbs," De Hart said.

The June 8 meeting is being billed as a "last and best offer" date on the ATA calendar, according to De Hart. If the ATA doesn't receive a satisfactory offer by then, it will move forward

with plans to strike, he said. The union will notify the district of its plans once the data is made public by the fact-finding committee, pending a final offer by the board.

If the membership finds the offer unsatisfactory, teachers could be on strike effective June 21, which De Hart says is the last phase of mediation.

"Their proposal gave us no guarantees and we think that three years is a patient proposal and a decent proposal," De Hart said. "If the district doesn't boost morale and reward teachers what they deserve, then we are going to vote for a strike. We're talking about the future of Albany's education, I think we have been more than patient."

The district's "priorities are always the same, programs before teachers," he said. "We think that's detrimental because what that has done (in the past) is take away competitive salaries from teachers — we're at the bottom. We shouldn't be subsidizing our own programs."

De Hart wants his district to step up to the plate in a manner comparable to many districts in surrounding areas. Last year, teachers in the Oakland and West Contra Costa school districts were awarded increases of 13.95 and 10 percent respectively.

In a statement last year, De Hart warned board members that they need to make teachers a higher priority or they may be wooed by better salaries elsewhere.

"...We are barely even with Oakland and in the middle range and beginning salaries we fall way below. You can no longer say, 'Oh, who wants to work in

Oakland?' Their superintendent and school board realize what it takes to deliver the best education possible."

Mills doesn't view June 8 as a deadline, but as a continuation of the process.

"The union appreciated (Lazaro's) listening and they were prepared to meet with him and begin brainstorming. (The union was) nice to work with as well."

"They came willing to look at the other possibilities. Hopefully in the next three to four weeks we will have found a way to unravel this," said Mills.

For Mills, three or four weeks might be too ambitious because De Hart and many Albany teachers have already put together a plan through meetings this past week, to start implementing a process for a strike.

De Hart said that there was a "huge turnout" last Tuesday at an informal "informational" gathering to talk about implementation of a strike. On Wednesday, there was a secret ballot vote that would give the thumbs-up by Albany teachers if a satisfactory offer isn't received by the June 8.

Today there will be a union rally and march, starting at the parking lot of the Safeway on Solano Avenue and heading to the Cornell Elementary School playground at 920 Talbot St. for an assembly and spaghetti dinner. The district offices are housed at Cornell. Among those speaking will be the president of the Alameda Teachers Association and a representative of the California Teachers Association. The cost is \$5 per family and proceeds will go to the Albany teachers strike fund.

Damon will decide on possible recusal

■ A council critic maintains that the mayor has shown bias in favor of the project

By J.R. Deaton

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — City Attorney Howard Stern said the decision of whether or not Mayor Larry Damon should be recused from the mill and lumber project vote will be made by Damon himself.

"We're going to go over the criteria," Stern said when asked about the council's upcoming closed session. "At the first go-round it has to be Larry to determine whether he can in an unbiased fashion listen to the evidence and make a decision," he noted. "They can't vote that

he's in or out," Stern said when asked whether it will be a matter of the council voting in closed session about Damon's possible recusal. "He's elected just like they are; they don't have a power to forbid him from voting."

"The more important issue that I have to discuss is what is the risk to the city and what can the city do to minimize it," Stern pointed out.

Stern noted that Damon does not own the property in question, but has a "second deed of trust for \$50,000" on the property about 1,800 feet away from the mill and lumber project site. "The question is — does the interest that he has in the second deed of trust — does that create a conflict of interest?" Stern said.

Stern also pointed out that resident Peter Loubal, at last

week's City Council meeting and at prior meetings, has accused Damon of "demonstrating bias" in favor of the mill and lumber project. "He talked about the fact that if Larry participates, it leaves the city open to potential litigation," Stern noted. "So the council wanted to meet and discuss its risks."

Stern said that because the council will sit as a quasi-judicial body while considering the project "there has to be a fair tribunal." He said the tribunal needs to be able to listen to the evidence presented with an open mind. "They are supposed to be able to listen to the evidence; make a decision based on the evidence presented at the hearing and adopt factual findings that conform to the evidence."

Appeal

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At the May 21 City Council meeting and at previous council meetings El Cerrito resident Peter Loubal said that Mayor Larry Damon has become an advocate of the mill and lumber site project, is not objective in this matter, and should recuse himself from the appeal hearing. Loubal also said Damon has "acquired a financial interest in a property just over two blocks from the lumberyard project." He distributed copies of a "short form deed of trust and assignment of rents" form concerning the San Pablo Avenue property and reiterated that Damon should recuse himself.

The council decided matters would be discussed in closed session next week prior to the June 25 appeal hearing. At the council meeting last week, Damon said "I am not yet sure where I am coming down on that," referring to the recusal question. "I will have to make a decision before the appeal."

Concerning the San Pablo Av-

enue property that Loubal referred to, Damon said last Monday that his own personal attorney has advised him that he does not have a property interest. "I do not have a property interest — I own a piece of paper, a promissory note and that is it."

On Monday Damon said other matters will be discussed in the closed session. "I want an objective review of all previous actions and statements by every council member on this subject to clearly determine whether recusal is necessary and to purify the process," Damon said.

Jack Freethy of the Freethy family, owners of the lumberyard site, was in the audience at the May 21 council meeting and was clearly upset that the council will not consider the appeal until June 25. "The problem is, if we go any later than into the late parts of June, the project becomes clouded as far as being able to be turned over to the developer," Freethy told the council. "We have a time problem."

Freethy also said he would be out of town at the end of June, but later in the meeting said he will change his plans so that he

can attend the appeal hearing.

Councilwoman Gina Brusatori will be out of town on business June 7 and June 18, two other dates considered for the hearing. "This is like a Pandora's box and we've had a couple of surprises here tonight," Brusatori said at the council meeting. She and the other members of the council stressed that city staff will need enough time to study the issues and prepare an adequate report on the appeal.

After Freethy said that he had understood that the question of Damon's possible recusal was "not a problem," Brusatori told him: "I don't understand how Mr. Damon's recusal or not was taken care of — this is a matter for our body to determine to what extent we may be facing potential litigation." Minutes later, Brusatori angrily addressed Damon: "This matter is going to be in a closed session," she said and added that it would also be debated whether or not the mayor himself will be a "speaking member of that closed session."

El Cerrito

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a telephone call to confirm the check, the suspect fled the bank and remains at large. The forger suspect is described as a black woman in her 40s, about 5-foot-4 to 5-foot-7 in height and 160 lbs. She was wearing a black dress and black jacket, has acne scars on her face and drove an "early 1980s" red four-door BMW.

■ On May 10, just before 9 a.m. a case of vandalism was re-

ported to police. A man was subsequently arrested for breaking the rear window out of a taxi cab that was parked near San Pablo Avenue.

■ On May 11 just before 5 a.m., a husband and wife reported that an apparent burglar had visited their Potrero Avenue home. The suspect had removed the screen from a rear bedroom window, slid the window open and entered the home. The suspect then entered the couple's bedroom where he was confronted by the residents and decided to

turn and flee. No property loss was reported from the incident.

■ On May 9 sometime between 7:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., an unknown dog-napper took a Richmond woman's pet from her vehicle while it was parked in the Albertson's parking lot off San Pablo Avenue. The dog's owner had left the rear window of the vehicle down about 4 inches, apparently so the pet would have fresh air. The suspect is described as a white female, 50 to 60 years of age. She was wearing yellow "capri" pants.

Folk

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lar PE classes would come and work with these classes, so she started to do so, also.

"I was always been interested in people with disabilities," Alexandra told me. And she began working more and more with Nancy Henderson and her Adaptive PE students. "She inspired me. Anything she was doing I was always willing to help her." And she added, "As a high school student, it is great to have activities I really enjoy going to after school." That these activities help others, Alexandra accepts with a smile.

She also sings, and is in the high school choir, the Advanced Chorus. As a matter of fact, she was to sing the Star Spangled Banner at the Memorial Day festivities.

of Ellen and Keith Jefferds. Alexandra's father is a graphics designer, and her mother works with him. Ellen Jefferds is also a Transcendental Meditation teacher.

In addition to her volunteer work, her work in Girl Scouts and her chorale, Alexandra works on the computer and has her own Web page, and writes — mostly science fiction and songs. What does she enjoy most? Her volunteer work. In addition, she notes, she can use that experience when she looks for a job.

And what does she want to be? A rehab engineer, she thinks, working with physical therapists to design things like customized wheelchairs, etc. "I like working with the kids, but I am also interested in the equipment they use."

She will continue her volunteer work this summer and also plans to work with the wheelchair basketball group, in addition to other volunteer work.

Oh, and she played the recorder when she was younger, but gave it up in middle school when other activities became more important. But last year, when the choir had a Madrigal program, she took up the recorder again and played for that program. Her mother plays the instrument, too.

I enjoyed chatting with this quiet, poised young woman, and decided the choice was a good one. Youth of the Year, indeed

How nice that we recognize people like Ruth Meneketti and Alexandra Jefferds. Please remember, I need your input: interesting people etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, CA 94706, or call 525-4585. My email is crgenser@aol.com

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sang "The Star-Spangled Banner," "God Bless America" and "Why Did He Die?" After sisters Gena Joe, 21, Shasta Joe 16, Tr-

isha Joe 11, and Ashley Ladyman, 14, sang "God Bless America" accompanied by almost everyone in the audience, a cry of "one more time" went up and, indeed, everyone sang the song again.

"We gather to remember our

friends, whether vets or not," Reed said about the Memorial Day event. He thanked those in attendance for coming and said he would do his best as the new commander. "With the Lord's help, I think we will succeed," Reed said.

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To Stevie — a wonderful big brother and a gutty Bruin to the end

Over the years, many people have remarked about my obsessive devotion to the UCLA football team (which we true believers always call "the gutty little Bruins," in tribute to their perpetual underdog status), and my equally obsessive aversion for their arch-rivals, the big bad Trojans of USC.

Well, I think I owe you an explanation. It's all because of my big brother, Stevie, who was an undergrad at UCLA when I was a little kid.

Now, I wouldn't say I idolized my big brother, exactly. Let's just say I was extremely fond of the ground on which he walked.

I wasn't the only one. We all loved Stevie. He was our darling, our golden boy. He was blessed with an innate sweetness that attracted everyone who met him. He was the most popular person I ever met.

When he was in high school he was, naturally, the student body president. But instead of doing what any other teenager would have done — namely, hang out after school with his friends — he would rush home every day to play with me. He was worried that I might not have anyone else to play with.

He was right about that. I had an unhappy childhood in an extremely dysfunctional family. Aside from my sister Ginger — my companion in



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

this shared catastrophe — the only ray of light was Stevie. When he turned his love on me, it made everything bad go away. If Stevie loved me, I felt, it must mean that I was actually loveable somehow, despite how much my parents had taught me to hate myself.

And did I mention that he was fun, with a capital F? He milked every last bit of enjoyment out of every moment of every day. Being with him was like opening a bottle of champagne. He loved to laugh, to play, to love, and to give to others. Needless to say, I contracted a lifelong case of hero worship. And since Stevie was attending UCLA at the time, I became a rabid UCLA fan, too. UCLA became the metaphor through which we expressed our love for each other.

To this day, I can tell you every play of the 1956 Rose Bowl, which we lost in a heart-breaker when a Michigan State player named Dave Kaiser kicked a field goal in the final seconds to beat us, 17-14. (I stayed in my room and cried

for three days, until my mom finally sent Stevie upstairs to tell me to knock it off.)

But UCLA did have one national champion: the 1954 team, which went 10-0 and stomped USC, 34-0.

That same year, I had to undergo an operation on my left eye — a pretty scary proposition for a 9-year-old. When I woke up in the recovery room, I found something nestled in my arm. It was a football signed by every guy on the team. A present from Stevie, of course.

What a wonderful big brother he was!

But, alas, our relationship had a bittersweet side, because Stevie had an Achilles heel: his health.

Death had been stalking him since 1955, when he was the victim of a terrible automobile accident. Some jerk ran a stop sign and ploughed right into Stevie's car on the driver's side, sending him flying 50 feet in the air and impaling him on a steel pole. He lost a kidney, several feet of intestines, and most of his bones were broken in several places. The doctors said there was no chance he could live.

But he did. In the early '60s, he came down with a life-threatening blood disease called Idiopathic Thrombocytopenia Purpura,

which makes you bleed like a hemophiliac. Again, they said he was a goner. And again, he proved them wrong.

In the late '60s his bones started to degenerate, probably caused by all the drugs they gave him for his earlier ailments. Then, five years ago, he developed Lupus, which attacked his lungs.

But he never, ever uttered a single word of complaint. Never. And he never lost his never-say-die attitude.

"I don't care what they say," he told me. "I'm going to see the turn of the century."

But he couldn't cheat death forever. Just before New Year's he was diagnosed with Acute Myelodysplastic Leukemia. He bravely underwent an experimental stem-cell transplant — the first of its kind — at the City of Hope.

And it worked. Just last Thursday, the doctors told us that he was in 100 percent remission. He'd licked all those other diseases, and it looked like he'd licked this one, too. He felt so good, he even asked to watch a basketball game on TV. But the next day, fate played its last cruel trick: The transplanted blood cells attacked his body with a voracious vengeance, and he was in excruciating pain until he finally lapsed into a coma. Two days later, he died, surrounded by his wife and children.

He was 45 years late keeping that rendezvous with death. He always knew he was living on borrowed time, and he was determined to not only enjoy every day to the utmost, but to do his best to make sure others enjoyed it, too.

And, yes, he made it to the turn of the century, as he always knew he would.

There were 1,100 people who showed up for his funeral, flying in from all over the world. And every single one sincerely felt he or she had lost a best friend. Stevie had that way of making every relationship he had seem special.

I'm reminded of Robert Heinlein's science fiction classic "Stranger In A Strange Land," which is about a Martian's visit to Earth. The Earthlings are trying to teach him about Earthly habits, and one woman volunteers to show him what kissing is. She kisses him and promptly faints dead away.

When she comes to, they ask her what made her faint. And she replies, "When he was kissing me, he wasn't doing anything else."

That was Stevie, through and through: When he was with you, he wasn't doing anything else.

There were several speakers at the funeral, all talking about Stevie's good works. He was a pillar of his local community

and a fervent (but not uncritical) supporter of Israel. To take just one example out of many, he and his wife Barbara adopted a struggling little village in northern Israel called Hatzor, and raised money to build it a library, dental clinic, psychological services center, tennis courts, gymnasium and a high-tech center.

Then it was my turn to speak. What I really wanted to do was tear out my hair, collapse in a heap, and scream at the top of my lungs. Instead, I led the congregation in the UCLA cheer.

I can't believe I'm going to have to live in a world that doesn't have him in it. I can't believe that I'm never going to hear his cheery voice on the phone saying, "Hi, M!" And I don't know how I'm going to get through next fall's UCLA-USC game.

One of the last things he said to me was, "I only regret that I won't be around to read the column you're going to write about me."

Well, Stevie, here it is. Thank you for all the fun. Thank you for all the laughs. Most of all, thank you for loving me.

And, of course, go Bruins!

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lion people and one million jobs over the next 20 years," Peterson said. "If we continue to build and develop in the same low-density and car-oriented land use patterns, our traffic problems that we have today will seem like a cakewalk."

"Our dis-invested communities today will seem wealthy in comparison to what will happen in 20 years," she said. "The 12 percent who can afford a median home in Contra Costa County will drop to 2 percent."

Jones, executive director of California Futures Network, gave a slide-show presentation of higher-density affordable housing developments that were attractive and a good fit in their communities. "Living close and

living well is a tradition in the Bay Area," Jones said, noting that Bay Area land prices have always been high compared to other parts of the country.

"The Bay Area is attracting attention from all over the world with the incredible high quality of the affordable housing that's built here. We're so good at it that people drive by it and don't know that it's affordable. That's part of the challenge: demystifying high-density housing, demystifying affordable housing and obviously demystifying who lives in it. It's us; it's the people in this room."

During a question-and-answer period El Cerrito resident and retired teacher and administrator Fred Fogg asked about the housing needs of the homeless. "Where do they fit in?" Fogg asked. "Nothing you've said so far says anything about these people."

Benjamin, program director of East Bay Housing Organizations, said that city zoning laws should allow for higher density developments as seen in Jones' slide presentation. She also stressed the importance of single-room-occupancy developments. "Cities and jurisdictions have to change their way of thinking about where people can live," Benjamin said. "Zoning has to accommodate some of the beautiful buildings that we saw in the slide show on our busiest corridor, San Pablo Avenue. There are multiple commercial sites there that could house one of those buildings."

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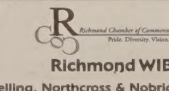
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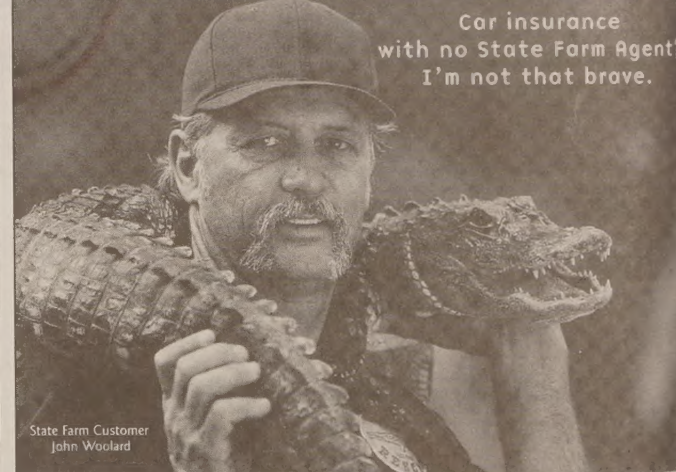
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Weekly Home Sales Maintain your focus on the East Bay real estate scene [B5]
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FROM THE SOFT, WARM COLORS of the acid-stained concrete floors to the soaring light-drenched two-story spaces with cathedral ceilings, you know you are in a special place as soon as you step into the Piedmont Avenue Lofts.

Luxury lofts seek sophisticated buyer

THE SALES TEAM @ PIEDMONT AVENUE LOFTS

The 19 brand-new loft residences at Piedmont Avenue Lofts represent the latest and most exciting stage in the evolution of the live/work housing phenomenon. These luxury lofts were designed for the sophisticated buyer who is looking for a unique urban experience. It is a wonderful mix of innovative design and unparalleled location that gives the lofts at Piedmont Avenue Lofts their unique position in the loft market place.

The live/work loft has been changing over the years, started by Bohemian artists looking for raw warehouse space to mold into both living and studio space. These first raw warehouse conversions were always very personal spaces for the artists that created them.

Transforming vacant and abandoned warehouse into a usable working and living space was often a very daunting task. But the results were usually striking spaces with soaring ceilings and incredible light meant to house the artists and inspire the artists' work. These features are what have driven the popularity of live/work loft in the Bay Area today.

As the popularity and demand for these striking alternative living spaces grew so did the market. Warehouse space was being gobbled up at a furious pace in San Francisco, Emeryville, West Oakland, and Jack London Square. But the raw cutting edge warehouse space and the typical warehouse location was not right for everyone.

Piedmont Avenue Lofts were born out of these beginnings. These 19 unique loft residences answer many of the complaints that people had about living in a warehouse-loft conversion. People found they sometimes needed and wanted more from their loft. Yes, the big expansive space was

great, but it didn't always afford some of the things a home needs to provide, like additional bedrooms, office space, guest bedrooms and baths, bigger more sophisticated kitchens, modern energy efficient systems and an attached garage.

Piedmont Avenue Lofts answers those needs and more. Sharing the same desire for incredible light and soaring ceilings, these lofts are true to that beginning.

From the first days of this project the development team at Urban Loft Developments has been passionate about adding a new dimension to loft living.

Starting with one of the few remaining vacant lots in the popular Piedmont Avenue District of Oakland, the developer felt a strong sense of stewardship for the land. This stewardship and unparalleled locations afforded an excellent opportunity for creating quality urban housing.

The new residents at Piedmont Avenue Lofts will have, within blocks of their new lofts, all the pieces and parts of a dynamic urban neighborhood. There is shopping, dining and entertainment all just two short blocks away on Piedmont Avenue.

There are major employers nearby, like Kaiser Hospital. Also nearby are bus lines, BART, and freeways. This makes the commute from Piedmont Avenue Lofts to just about anywhere a snap. You might not even need a personal car living here.

As good as the location is, it is the lofts themselves that really sing. Starting with the incredible exterior architecture and the way the buildings are laid out around a central driveway and pedestrian courtyard.

The driveway/courtyard is a pleasing mix of multi-color pavers set in a sand base and landscap-

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ing. It is reminiscent of a European village, with a place for all the residents to interact. This is even more so with the addition of cozy second story decks that open onto this space.

The buildings are wonderful mixture of materials and finishes. With industrial undertones like galvanized steel and metal windows to the soft sophistication of the hand troweled colored plaster, the buildings are truly evolved yet, they don't overstate their presence, situated on the bluffs overlooking North Oakland.

Once you step inside one of the six different floor plans offered at Piedmont Avenue Lofts you will be amazed at the way the industrial and residential components harmonize.

From the soft warm colors of the acid stained concrete floors to the soaring light drenched two-story spaces with cathedral ceilings you know you are in a special place. A place meant to inspire and surround you with creature comforts.

All the loft residences are three glorious stories, with a bedroom/home office on the first floor along with a full bathroom, entryway closet, and a single car garage with laundry and internal

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The garden bed — can you dig it?

Gardening is a favorite pastime for both of us. While we don't claim to have green thumbs, we can hold our own.

When we were kids, we and our two sisters helped our dad tidy up the garden every Saturday. Weeding, raking, trimming, sweeping and planting were a weekend ritual.

James acquired experience at an early age. From the time he was 9 until he graduated from high school, he cared for an elaborate and large garden of an aunt and uncle.

The garden consisted of four large turf areas, a formal rose garden, a baronial hedge that bordered the property, a fruit orchard, decorative planting borders and potted plants galore. James soon discovered that there was more to gardening than pulling weeds and raking leaves — although there was plenty of that, as well. The art of pruning roses, trimming hedges and tilling soil soon became a part of James' routine.

What we once considered drudgery would someday be a wonderful source of pleasure and relaxation.

Among the lessons we learned early on is that plants flourish when they receive ample sunlight, water and fertilizer. Equally important is the quality of the soil. Soil that is too alkaline, too acidic or poorly drained can spell disaster for even the best-cared-for plants.

Soil evaluation

If you have less than desirable soil, take several samples from various locations in your yard to a local nursery or garden professional. The pro can test the soil's pH and recommend what types of organic material should be used to "amend" the soil. Use a rototiller to mix amendments in with



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the existing soil. Premium topsoil can be used at the surface followed by a top dressing or mulch that will keep the soil moist and prevent weeds.

If the idea of major excavation and soil replacement or amendment isn't your cup of tea and all you want are a few top-quality planting areas for vegetables or flower beds, think "garden beds." There are two types of garden beds: One is dug directly into the ground (an "in-ground bed"), and the other is raised (appropriately named a "raised bed").

In both cases, a wood frame is built as a border to the bed. In the case of the in-ground bed, the wood framing at the perimeter is partially embedded into the soil with about 6 inches exposed above ground. The boards for a raised bed are higher (about 1 to 18 inches above ground) and essentially act as retaining walls.

In-ground vs. raised

What's the difference between the two? Is one better than the other? Actually both styles accomplish the goal of better soil quality and improved drainage. The raised bed, however, has a couple of advantages that the in-ground bed doesn't.

The soil in a raised bed warms earlier in the spring and has better drainage. What's more, since raised beds aren't subject to foot traffic, the soil remains loose and easy for roots and water to penetrate.

Making a planting bed is easy.

You'll need a circular saw (a hand saw will work if you need the exercise), a driver-drill, a small sledgehammer, a pick, a shovel and a steel rake, some lumber, wood stakes, construction screws and soil.

First, decide how large you want your planting bed to be and whether you want it in-ground or raised. When considering size, remember that you must be able to reach the center from the edges.

Say your bed will measure roughly 4 by 8 feet and be in-ground, your material list should consist of two 4-foot pressure-treated 1-by-8s and two 8-foot pressure-treated 1-by-8s.

Don't forget six 1-foot redwood or cedar stakes and construction screws to attach the boards to the stakes.

Note: pressure-treated material is suggested because it is more rot-resistant. If you will be using the garden bed for vegetables, use redwood or cedar due to potential soil contamination from the toxic chemicals contained in pressure-treated material.

Some preliminaries

Before building the frame, lay out the location on the ground and rototill and amend the soil. This will prevent damage to the frame by the rototiller after installation.

Start the box construction by attaching the two 4-foot lengths of wood to the 8-foot lengths, using the construction screws.

Next, place the box in the desired location and use a pick and shovel to create a shallow trench that the box will recess into — a few inches will be adequate.

Drive stakes at all four corners and one at the center of each of the two long sides for added stability. The top of the stake should be driven slightly below the top of the boards.

Drive construction screws through the outside face of the boards into the stakes.

If you have your heart set on a raised bed, substitute the 1-by-8s with 2-by-12s, and use 2-by-2 stakes that are 18 to 24 inches long.

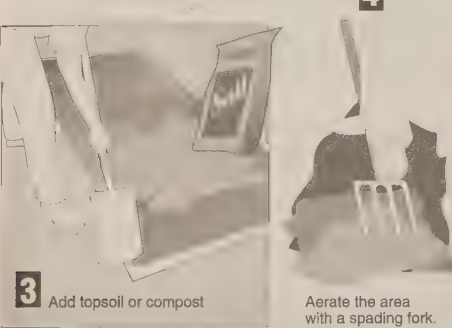
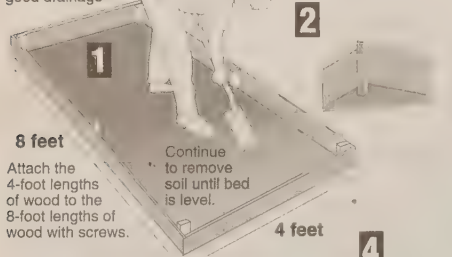
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Build an in-ground garden bed

What you need: two 4-foot pressure-treated 1-by-8s, two 8-foot pressure-treated 1-by-8s and six 1-foot stakes.

Dig down to the correct depth and set 1-by-8 boards in place.

Choose a site with good drainage



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The meaning of 'home' is lost in the heart

A return to Number 292, which first appeared July 1999

For years I've been thinking what constitutes home. People's impressions, memories, reactions to, and choices of home are most interesting to me.

Home is an idea, a concept. Home is also a place where you sleep, come in from the rain, a place where you can close the door.

Some homes are intricate and rich; some are plain, not fancy. Many homes are filled with possessions, but there are people who own little. People live alone in their homes or they live with family or friends and sometimes with roomers they rent to.

Home can be a single room, a palace, a lean-to, basement or bungalow. Many people lock their doors and some have security doors, intercoms, gates and dogs to keep outsiders out.

While some people are compulsive about keeping their living spaces clean and tidy, others commonly live in disarray. There are people who caulk the tubs and sinks and others who don't notice the mildew on the ceiling and walls.

While there are people who live in the same dwelling for all of their lives, most of us have lived in several. How we chose them and the ways in which we lived in them differ depending on our focus and circumstances. How we remember them later may change over time.

A few years ago I went back to see the house where I lived when I was a young child. I had thought about that house many times since moving when I was 12 years old, and I was curious to find if my memories of the house were accurate.

I had remembered the layout and many of the building details: the California cooler where my



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Tale of a home

mother kept potatoes and my sister and I played hide-and-seek, the built-in buffet in the dining room, and the spot where the kitchen table stood and where my mother sat us for hours as she curled our hair with Toni Home Permanents.

But — and this struck me — the house seemed so small. Our family of five had all lived there quite comfortably, slept, ate played in the house. On seeing it again, it was surprising to me that we had. We must have been on top of one another all of the time.

The hallway, for example, that connected the two bedrooms was where we had played hopscotch, the linoleum marked with white chalk, but this hallway seemed minuscule.

Had I been asked about my home when I was living in that house, I probably would have said that I lived on Coolidge Avenue, that my mother, father, brother, sister, our cat and I lived there, and that we had a big flower garden.

Maybe I would have described the bedroom that we kids shared; I might have talked about the neighbors, their names and in which houses they lived.

But I wouldn't have said the house was small. I wouldn't have thought to say anything about the age and condition of the roof or the appliances.

Nor, I think, would I have commented that the house provided us protection from the elements and sanctuary from the outside world.

As I look every week at houses for sale, talk with owners who are changing homes, watch as buyers select houses, I think often about what home is. I like thinking about this, enjoy picturing how people live in houses what might make them become home.

I find myself wondering about the same questions over and over again. What is it about certain houses that makes so little impression that I can barely recall them after I've been inside them?

What about other houses that invite me to stay, even those that I have been inside only briefly and causes me to treasure their memory years later? If I lived in a house that calls so strongly to me, how would my life be changed?

A lengthy search has rewarded me with two books containing collections of memories and experiences of home written by a number of people. The passage, included in "The Poetry of Home" by Charlotte Moss was written by Florida Scott-Maxwell.

The writer does not reveal the location, size or architect of the building described. I think it is a fair to say that bought or is renting a house, this is a descriptive cherished home.

"After a time of trouble, a likeable flat which I had had a long time, one, so it was also my daughter. My daughter and I one evening with two suitcases two beds, three pots of bulbs a kettle and tea things.

We lit a brilliant fire, a seemingly little girl who sits the builder's table, making a big difference in the two bedrooms.

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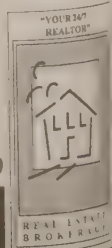
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Inform Meeting in Alameda
The public is always welcome at the Inform Meeting. The Inform Meeting is sponsored by the **Alameda Association of Realtors**. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is on Tuesday, June 12 beginning at 10:30 a.m. The location is the Garden Isle Community Center on Melrose Avenue in Alameda. The focus of each meeting is an invited speaker and the discussion of important real estate, economic and community concerns. The Inform Meeting is dedicated to helping Realtors stay informed about the real estate market, the community and issues that affect the economy. Agents are encouraged to bring information on new listings for presentation to the group. For more information contact **Kristen McMahon** of AAR at 510-523-7229.

Self-Employed Tax Help
Join author **Jan Zobel** for her seminar "Basic Tax And Record Keeping Information For The Self-Employed." This six-hour seminar, sponsored by East Hill Press publishers on Saturday, June 16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Montclair. Learn about business deductions, new tax laws and audits. For ticket information call 510-530-5616.

Income Property Workshop
Join "The Real Estate Guys" for an "Income Property Workshop". If you wish you owned more real estate this workshop is designed to help you create a plan to acquire and help you create a plan to acquire. Instructors are real estate gurus and talk show hosts **Charlie Krackler** and **Robert Helms**. The workshop is held on Tuesday, June 19, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Santa Clara Convention Center. Everyone is invited. Krackler and Helms can be heard on Saturday mornings on their talk show, "The Real Estate Guys." For ticket information call 1-888-662-0668.

BAR UPCOMING EVENTS

Lunch & Learn
Attend the **Berkeley Association of Realtors** monthly, network-

ing luncheon. The next luncheon is on Wednesday, June 13. California Association of Realtors directors from BAR will report information from the CAR business meetings. The luncheon is held at the BAR auditorium, beginning at 12:15 p.m. Reservations are a must. Contact the BAR office for information and reservations at 510-848-4288.

RE License Renewal
The **Berkeley Association of Realtors** is offering the Duane Gomer Program "45 Hours Of DRE Tests In A Half Day." Renew your real estate license. Attend and earn all 45 DRE credit hours. The seminar includes Agency, Ethics, Trust Funds and Fair Housing. The seminar is planned for Friday, June 22. Watch this column for more details. To receive an informational flyer contact **Don Clark** at the BAR office at 510-848-4288.

SUN, STARS & OAR

The Oakland Association of Realtors presents a "Realtor Evening At Chabot Space And Science Center" Wednesday, June 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. come network with the Board of Directors, city officials and fellow Realtors. Enjoy refreshments and explore the Exhibit Hall. Special guest speakers are Oakland City Council Member Dick Spees and Chabot Director Mike Reynolds. "This is a unique opportunity to explore the Center," commented OAR General Manager **Colleen Porter**, "one I hope our members won't miss." Space is limited so reserve now by calling the OAR office at 836-3000.

ATTENTION BROKERS

Bob Valva of **Valva Realty** invites Oakland real estate brokers to attend the Oakland Realtors Commercial & Industrial Brokers Committee. According to Valva the group was appointed years ago, by the Oakland mayor to facilitate city sales and leasing. The committee's purpose is to help build Oakland. The next meeting is Tuesday, June 12, at the OAR Auditorium on Webster. If you would like to attend call Valva at 510-451-7317.

WCR EVENTS

June Meeting
The Women's Council of Real-

tors East Bay Chapter monthly meeting date for June is Friday, June 15. The meeting begins at 11:30. The location is the Ark at Pier 29 on 29th Avenue in Oakland (at the foot of the park Street Bridge). For reservations call WCR President, **Denise Smith** of Royal Realtors at 510-261-1621.

Picnic, Play, Park
Join the WCR EB Chapter on Thursday, July 12th for a Picnic & Play in the Park. More details to follow in an upcoming column.

Annual Bay Cruise
Friday, July 13 is the date for the WCR 4th Annual Bay Cruise & Networking Extravaganza. Hosted by the San Francisco Chapter, all area chapters are invited to attend. Boarding is at 2:45 p.m. on the Monte Carlo Yacht, Pier 33, San Francisco Bay, at Embarcadero and Bay. The cruise is from 3 to 6 p.m. For more information contact chairperson **Betty Sun Wong** at 888-BETTYWCR.

CRS UPDATES

Education
A new **Certified Residential Specialist** Course, "Business Development for the Residential Specialist" is offered on Thursday, June 21 and Friday, June 22, at the Embassy Suites in Seaside. This "core course" helps agents learn the fundamentals of business planning that lead to increased profit and productivity. Learn business planning, budgeting, marketing and more. Sixteen Consumer Service credits are approved for this course.

Quarterly Meeting
The Quarterly Membership Meeting for the Northern California Certified Residential Specialists is on Friday, June 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The location is Gabbiano's, at One Ferry Plaza, in San Francisco. Guest speakers include WCR National Past President **Joan DeCarl** and discussion panelists **Lois Cox**, **Bill Robertson**, **Mike Hilgenberg**, **Rich Sloan** and **Judith Franch**. For reservation and registration information for these two events contact the NCCRS office at 800-277-6003.

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to rent her old room, and now each summer she goes there to live things over and over again. I feel so much at home there,' she says, 'it makes me remember so many things and people.' Which, when you come right down to it, is the finest purpose of a home."

What does home mean to you? Do you immediately think of the place where you are living now? In your mind, can you run through all of the places where you have lived? Do you "see" the street faces or do you "see" instead the insides of the

buildings, go to the kitchens, the gardens, the places where you slept, or where you ate?

Were these places where you stayed for a time, or were they, for you, home?

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stended, looked out on the trees beyond both windows and I was free and happy...It was already so precious to me that its surface was almost my skin."

Here is another, this one taken from "Just and Durable Parents" by James Lee Ellenwood and included in "Feels Like Home, Fond Remembrances In Words and Pictures," edited by Cheryl Moch.

"Grandma, at 80, is still a tramp of heart. A few summers ago she set out for a vacation in her old hometown many miles away. Her friends are nearly all dead and some that aren't are getting deaf and feeble, a strange fact that Grandma can't understand. In her native village she went to the house which she was born and grew up. With a perverse insistence but undeniable decorum, she got the present owner, a complete stranger,

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Wednesday, June 6 is Legislative Day in Sacramento. Meet with state legislators. Hear about upcoming laws that could change the way you do business. Your local associations are offering organized bus trips, some with continuing education and meals. For more information contact your local Association of Realtors.

Why aren't mortgage interest rates falling?

The number one question we hear today is "Why aren't mortgage interest rates going down?"

After all, Uncle Alan Greenspan has cut rates- to the Fed Funds five times this year bring it to its lowest level in seven years.

Most consumers believed that mortgage interest rates would automatically follow. However, as Alan Sloan, Wall Street editor for Newsweek indicated in his column in the May 21 issue, "the rate on 30-year mortgages, the most popular choice among homebuyers has barely budged. That rate averaged 7.22 percent last week, only a fraction below the 7.31 percent it averaged for the first week of the year."

The problem is that when Uncle Alan cuts the Fed Funds rate- that is a cut in "short-term" rates. The federal funds rate is what banks

KAREN SENZIG
Mortgage Magress

charge each other for overnight loans, currently at 4 percent. Normally, the banks and savings and loan institutions follow with a cut in their short-term rates they charge consumers - called the prime rate, currently at 7 percent.

The prime rate is the basis for consumer loans for automobiles, secured business loans and equity lines.

Confusion arises in thinking that short-term rates and long-term rates run in tandem. They do not.

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Legislative Day is an opportunity for Realtors from across California to meet with their state legislators to discuss the issues that affect the real estate industry the most. According to California Association of Realtors, attending Legislative Day is not only a great investment in California's real estate business, it will also provide Realtors with an opportunity to hear from the state's most dynamic political leaders and the leadership of the state association.

The California Association of Realtors is planning "the best Legislative Day event ever." This year C.A.R. has invited Assembly Speaker Bob Hertzberg and Senator Jim Brulte. They will talk to Realtors about issues that affect the industry.

Realtors can join their colleagues at the Sacramento Convention Center on 9 a.m., Wednesday, June 6 for a day that will include a Member Director Forum and a Capitol Reception. To learn more, Realtors should contact their local associations.

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"The Fed influences short term rates to a very high degree, but it controls long-term rates to a lesser degree and sometimes not at all," says David Berson, chief economist of Fannie Mae, the nation's biggest supplier of mortgage money.

"The Fed influences long-term rates by moral suasion, market clout and influence but has no direct control of them", wrote Sloan. "Because fixed rate mortgages are long-term loans, they are heavily influenced by long-term rates, especially the rate on the 10 year U.S. Treasury securities." Currently the yield on the 10-year bond is around 5.50 up from 4.90 at the beginning of the year.

The stock market loves short-term rate cuts. It adds to the money supply and stimulates the economy. But, it has the potential to be inflationary. Long-term lenders and the bond market hate inflation because erodes the value of their money.

After a short-term rate cut, we usually see mortgage interest rates spike and then gradually ease as the market shakes out.

In the meantime, we like to remind our clients that there are other options to the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage. It may be time to consider an adjustable-rate mortgage.

Karen Senzig is co-owner of Montclair Mortgage with her husband Scott. She can be reached at 339-8511, fax: 339-3814, e-mail at ksenzig@aol.com. Please contact her with any mortgage questions and/or topics for discussion.

Reid

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meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month beginning with networking at 6 p.m. Networking also kicks off each CAMB meeting, held on the fourth Thursday of each month. To find out more call these organization's hotlines. The CARL Hotline is 925-746-1847. The CAMB Hotline is 925-275-2663.

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The Breakfast Club
Join the lively Wednesday Morning Breakfast Meetings, presented by the California Association of Residential Lenders (CARL). Meetings are held at American Title in Walnut Creek on Olympic boulevard. Start time begins promptly at 8:15 a.m. Breakfast refreshments are served. The next meeting is on May 9th. Need info? Call Pat Johnson of TRI Commercial Real Estate Services at 925-296-3300.

WHERE DID THEY GO?

Don Lindsey, President/Broker of Gallagher & Lindsey Realtors in Alameda welcomes aboard two real estate professionals. New to G&L are Realtors **Michael Studebaker** and **Margie Voris**. To say congrats call Studebaker at 510-748-1129 and Voris at 510-748-1131.

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Lofts

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Sales at Piedmont Avenue Lofts started at the Grand Opening last week and are brisk. Loft residences still remain and the helpful sales staff of Lawton Associates will be available his Saturday, Sunday to guide through the dynamic loft community.

Stop by Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. or call Lawton Associates at 510-547-5970. Visit the lofts online at www.piedmontavenuelofts.com.

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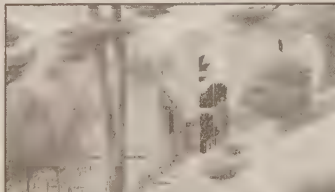


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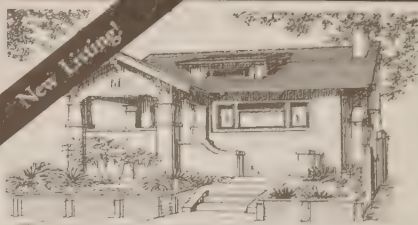
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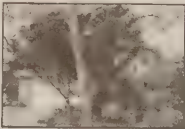
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Berkeley. 2122 - 2124 California St. New Listing! Open Sun., 2-4. Two charming houses on one lot with great space, light, and many upgrades. Front House: 2 bdms + office, 2 baths, remodel. kitchen, bkfst room, beaut. hwdw flrs, frplc. Rear House: 2 bdms, 1 bath, formal dining rm w/frplc, great storage/workshop area, new foundation. Excellent central Berkeley location near restaurants, shops, transportation & U.C.
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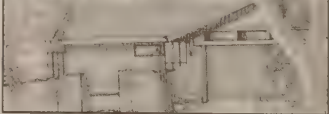
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Berkeley. 2116 - 7th Street. New Listing! Open Sun., 2-5. Comfortable & quaint, this 2+bdrm, 2 bath home reminds us of the old Berkeley Farm days. Built in 1908, it has its original hrdwd floors, high coffered ceilings, claw foot tub & crown molding. The large, level lot features roses, flowering plants & trees, & a water garden w/lots of seating areas for daydreaming or meditation. The expanded attic & downstairs bonus rooms offer extensive room for storage or office. There are 2 off-street parking areas, one of which is gated. Near 4th Street shopping & an easy commute to S.F.
Chris Ehlers Hardie • 524-9888 x22 \$379,000



Berkeley. 1039 Overlook Rd. near Muir Way. Large, sunny, spacious Park Hills home located on a lovely lot near Tilden Park, Lawrence Hall of Science, & all the amenities of No. Berkeley. Serene views, good indoor/outdoor, 2 master suites, 2 add'l bedrooms, 3 full baths, study, wonderful family room. Spacious kitchen, lovely living room and dining room.
Maya Trilling, 524-9888 x18 \$645,000



Berkeley. 3 Maybeck Twin. Open Sun., 2-5. Custom-built, exceptionally well-maintained 3 bedroom/1.5 bath contemporary in spectacular setting. Greenery wherever you look, bay views, private drive, walk to University. First time on the market.
Norah Brower • 524-9888 x26 \$845,000

Berkeley. 540 Grizzly Peak. Fabulous fixer! Huge house, enormous potential in great No. Berkeley location. Convenient to U.C., Tilden Park. Three+ bedrooms, separate in-law, family room, huge living room with fireplace and deck. **Arlene Baxter • 524-9888 x194 \$425,000**

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AVERAGE PRICE: \$330,500

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TOTAL SALES: 12
LOWEST PRICE: \$200,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,075,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$537,000

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TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: \$259,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$675,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$476,333

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$177,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$425,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$240,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$277,200

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$218,000

KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$429,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$765,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$597,000

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 53
LOWEST PRICE: \$75,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$895,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$216,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$295,981

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$862,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$863,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$863,000

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 20
LOWEST PRICE: \$97,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$400,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$224,500

SAN CLEMENTE

TOTAL SALES: 24
LOWEST PRICE: \$200,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$670,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$336,271

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 8
LOWEST PRICE: \$260,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$398,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$317,000

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Fixed-rate mortgages on the rise; ARMs unchanged

McLean, VA - In Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 7.20 percent, with an average cost of 1 point (1 percent of the loan amount), for the week ending May 25.

This bellwether rate rose 6 basis points from last week's average of 7.14 percent. A year ago, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 8.62 percent.

The average for the 15-year fixed-rate mortgage this week is 6.76 percent, with an average cost of 1 point. This popular refinancing tool rose 9 basis points from last week's average of 6.67 percent. This time last year, the 15-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 8.31 percent.

One-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 5.82 percent this week, with an average cost of 0.9 point, almost unchanged from last week's average of 5.81 percent. At the end of May 2000, the 1-year ARM averaged 7.25 percent.

"Mortgage rates caught up to other interest rates this week amid signs that housing may be starting to cool down," said Robert Van Order, Freddie Mac chief economist. "Current job layoffs, coupled with lower consumer confidence, usually lead to fewer purchases of big ticket items, like a house."

"Later in the second half of the year, however, we expect housing to pick back up. As a matter of fact, current forecasts continue to predict that 2001 could be a record year for originations and possibly home purchases."

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2408 McGee, Berk \$389,000
Open Sun 6/3 2-4pm



New Listing!
1741 Oregon, Berk \$369,000
Open Sun 6/3 2-4pm

New Listings—Too late for Photos!

- 5716 E. 15th St., Oak \$215,000
Open Sat & Sun 6/2 & 3 1-4pm
- 2515 Hilgard #1, Berk, \$470,000
Open Sun 6/3 2-5pm
- 4021 Norlon Ave., Oak \$399,000
Open Sun 6/3 2-4pm



New Listing!
1617 Spruce St., Berk \$595,000
Open Sun 6/3 2-4pm



New Listing!
2314 Tulare, El Cerrito \$379,000
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125 Hillside Avenue New Listing \$2,245,000
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17 Richardson Way New Listing \$1,795,000
Elegant & glamorous Mediterranean w/fabulous architectural details. Gourmet "chefs" kitchen opens level out to private garden. SF views. Anian Pettit Tunney

68 Bellevue Avenue New Listing \$1,595,000
Fabulous Mediterranean home w/spectacular entry, stained glass windows, 4 large BR (master BR has a fireplace). Lovely family room off kitchen. Sandra Vogl

431 Pacific Avenue New Listing \$995,000
Piedmont opportunity. This home boasts fabulous views, spacious rooms, a great floor plan with lovely hardwood floors, 4BR/3BA and a rumpus room. Elizabeth Dickson

44 LaSalle Avenue New Listing \$825,000
Stylish gem. Updated kitchen/family room, level-out to rear garden. Master suite w/updated bath, 2 large bedrooms, "plus" room & wine cellar. Karen Starr

20 Jerome Avenue New Listing \$699,000
A classic Piedmont home with comfortable charm, lovely details, incredible garden, three + bedrooms and two baths, all set in a delightful neighborhood. Sandra Vogl

350 Magnolia Avenue New Listing \$689,000
Charming, central Piedmont, traditional home w/original detailing in spacious entry, living & dining rooms. Updated eat-in kitchen, 3BR/2BA + bonus room. Sheila Gallagher

11 Cambridge Way New Listing \$619,000
Unique Piedmont property with 1BR/1BA rental unit. Main house has formal living room & dining room, 2+BR/1+BA, large kitchen. Level out garden. Angela Wei Grubb

Oakland - Open Sunday 2-4:30 p.m.

1650 Grand View Dr. New Listing \$1,325,000
Dramatic new home w/sweeping Bay view & fabulous open floor plan. Exquisite master retreat, spacious family room + library & media room. 4+BR/4.5BA. Sherry Benninger

7105 Marlborough Terr. New Price \$1,195,000
Exquisite new home w/fabulous design details & finishes. Gourmet kitchen/family room. 4BR/3.5BA + library & luxurious master suite. Views. Sherry Benninger

50 Lane Court New Listing \$995,000
Level access to a charming home on a beautiful property with a panoramic, two bridge view. Exceptional enclosed brick patio. Gorgeous gardens. 3BR/2BA. Jean Simmons

5826 LaSalle Avenue New Listing \$849,000
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5973 Rincon Drive New Listing \$675,000
Tastefully remodeled & expansive view home w/3BR/2.5BA, fabulous kitchen, family room, office & wine cellar. Lovingly landscaped patio & garden. Carin Caroe

6212 Hillegass Avenue New Listing \$649,000
An absolutely adorable Rockridge bungalow w/stained glass windows near a charming fireplace in the living room, a formal dining room & 3BR. Mavis Delacroix

1033 Trestle Glen Road \$529,000
Charming traditional 3BR/1BA in desirable Crocker Highlands w/updated kitchen, level to a large garden. Formal living & dining room & attached garage. Judith Cain

6545 Heartwood Drive New Listing \$499,000
On an oversized lot, this level Montclair contemporary home offers 2BR/1BA, walls of glass w/beautiful garden outlooks. Lovely front patio. Expansion potential. Judy Rankankan

3554 65th Avenue New Listing \$260,000
A very charming 2BR/1.25BA home with fireplace, rumpus room and nice garden. This home has been well maintained and is in move-in condition. Helen Bury

Gorgeous Central Piedmont \$1,395,000
This lovely traditional home has been recently renovated & has the kitchen of your dreams. Spacious formal rooms, patio & garden, 3BR/2.5BA & wine cellar. Jeanette Roach

Claremont Pines New Listing \$1,375,000
Rare opportunity! Gracious and elegant 5BR/4.5BA home, circa 1937. Spacious updated kitchen, library and large gardens. Linda McClain

Newer Home in Hillcrest Estates \$1,095,000
Situated on 1.4 acres this spacious home features Bay & Canyon views, 5 +BR/3.5 BA including a large master suite, kitchen/family room & decks. Kurt Buchholz

Artistic Piedmont Traditional \$1,195,000
This lovely Piedmont home is in move-in condition. Living room opens to a deck & large private garden. 3BR/2+BA + downstairs area perfect for a home office. Jeanette Roach

Panoramic View Home \$849,000
Private Hillcrest Estates location on over an acre of land. Spectacular SF views. 3BR/2BA + 1BR in-law unit & sun porch. Level yard & decks overlooking lap pool. Kurt Buchholz

Location in Claremont \$849,000
Traditional home w/formal rooms, large dining room, living room w/ fireplace, updated kitchen. 3BR/2BA. Close to shops & great restaurants. Kurt Buchholz

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On nearly 1/4 acre in Piedmont, is this gem of a home! Beautifully updated. 2BR/2BA including lovely master suite w/cozy fireplace. Private sunny deck! Angela Wei Grubb

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CLAREMONT HILLS \$1,395,000
7061 DEVON WY. (Open 2-4:30)
Contemporary w/S.F. Bay & City views. High-tech architectural style & sophistication. 3BR/3+BA. Fantastic gardens, patios & walkways. Kathleen Callahan x343


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6415 THORNDAL DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Reduced \$100,000! Expansive Bay & ocean views from every room of this dramatic contemp. Fabulous master suite w/sauna & steam room. Wave pool, air conditioning & more. Wendy Sprague x340

CLAREMONT HILLS \$1,095,000
1215 ALVARADO RD. (Open 2-4:30)
Wonderful Brown shingle new construction w/expansive canyon views. 5+BR/4.5BA, family room, den & media room. Vicki Woodhead x334

NO. OAKLAND HILLS \$819,000
93 BAY FOREST DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Two year old custom home with Lake Merritt/South Bay vistas. 4BR/3.5BA, 3 fireplaces, granite & travertine, hrdwd flrs. & vaulted ceilings. Wendy Gardner x303

MONTCLAIR \$750,000
6601 COLTON BLVD. (Open 2-4:30)
Stately traditional on approx. 1/3 acre level knoll w/S.F. & Bay views! Magnificent living room. 4BR/3.5BA. Atrium. Gardens. Secret patios. Close to Village. Dan Nichols x319

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MONTCLAIR \$649,000
1823 DRAKE DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Dramatic 5BR/3BA Bay view post & beam contemp. minutes to Montclair Village. Level yard, oversized family room w/fireplace & updated kitchen. Jeffrey Himmel x307

MONTCLAIR \$639,000
6828 ESTATES DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Piedmont side of Montclair. Almost all level home w/abundant outdoor space and bay & hill views. 3+BR/2BA, family room, rumpus room/den and large yard with patio. Teri Carlisle x305

ELMWOOD \$630,000
2640 BENVIEW AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
Freshly redone. 4BR/2.5BA Craftsman on a quiet street in a beautiful Berkeley neighborhood. Easy walk to campus & close to College Avenue. Terry Anthony x376

UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$599,000
6261 BROADWAY TERRACE (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Lovely and well maintained 3BR/1.5BA w/living room w/fireplace, formal dining, hardwood floors & deep rear yard. Carolyn Jones x339

OAKLAND \$549,000
4743 MOUNTAIN BLVD. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Charming 4BR/3BA nestled in a private wooded setting. Remodeled kitchen & baths, family room & beautiful yard w/deck. Diane Earl McCann x352

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REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$549,000
4709 DAVENPORT AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Lovely 3+BR/2BA traditional home with bay views, delightful yard, wonderful sunroom and bonus room. Rich Gould x347

PIEDMONT \$539,000
163 LAKE AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Exquisite detail abounds in this 2BR/1BA Craftsman bungalow with wainscoting, moldings & built-ins. Lovely sun filled garden. Leslie Gordon x327

PIEDMONT \$539,000
160 MAIDEN LN. (Open 2-4:30)
Great house with lots of space & South Bay views. 3+BR/2BA, family room, office, level yard & patio. Sandi Klemmer x314

GLENVIEW \$469,000
1550 HAMPEL ST. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Spacious and charming English style home w/beautiful 1926 details. 4BR/2BA, parlor, formal dining room, breakfast room and large bonus room over garage. Donna Costella x355

SAN LEANDRO \$459,000
564 BROADMOOR BLVD. (Open 1-4)
New Listing! Charming Tudor style 3+BR/2BA on large lot, filled with fruit trees. Hardwood floors, eat-in kitchen, remodeled baths & 2 fireplaces. Michelle Miller x305

LINCOLN HEIGHTS \$429,000
2917 CARMEL ST. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Attractive 3BR/2BA traditional in great neighborhood. Master suite, deep level yard, updated kitchen, hot tub & great workshop. Dick Cohen x308

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PIEDMONT AVENUE \$339,000
69 RAMONA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Classic 20's bungalow has all the charm of yesteryear w/many upgrades. 2+BR/2BA, nice outdoor spaces, wonderful neighborhood. Joan Dark x316

ALBANY \$299,000
820 KEY ROUTE BLVD. (Open 2-4:30)
Charming split level Bungalow minutes to Solano Ave. 3BR/1BA, hardwood floors, spacious eat-in kitchen with large deck out to back yard. Ashley O'Neill x368

BERKELEY \$249,000
1767 EUCLID AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! One block from U.C. campus this light filled 1 bedroom condo has hardwood floors, updated kitchen, a private yard & lots of storage. Candy Benny x328

PIEDMONT \$3,650,000
Rare opportunity to acquire historic estate, w/panoramic Bay views. 5+BR/4+BA, 4 fireplaces, Approximately 27,000 square foot lot. Charlotte Boyle x370 & Helen Danhaki x356

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PIEDMONT \$2,595,000
Classic Colonial on over 1/3 acre. 5+BR/3+BA. Stunning kitchen/family room. Renovated throughout. Beautiful Georgia Cornell x325

PIEDMONT \$2,290,000
SF/Bay views from this remodeled central Piedmont traditional. Expansive formal rooms, 5+BR/3+BA, large kitchen and adjoining family room opens to a level yard. Georgia Cornell x325

PIEDMONT \$1,995,000
5+BR/4+BA chalet with filtered Bay views, pool, spa and sauna. This custom built property abounds with redwoods, oaks and pines. Charlotte Boyle x370.

ROCKRIDGE \$1,150,000
Gracious 3+BR/2.5BA Colonial. Remodeled throughout. Kitchen/family room. Stunning! Walk to BART. Georgia Cornell x325

MONTCLAIR \$995,000
Piedmont side of Montclair. 3+BR/3BA on approx. 1/3 acre level lot. Built for entertaining. Charlotte Boyle x370 & Helen Danhaki x356 or 547-5750

REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$539,000
Spacious, sunny and beautifully decorated 4BR/3BA with family room, spa, new deck and beautiful deep tiered garden. Diane Earl McCann x352

PARKRIDGE ESTATES \$539,000
All level home with backyard bordering on Parklands. Remodeled kitchen, family room. 4BR/2BA. Vicki Woodhead x334

SAN LEANDRO \$499,000
Estadillo Estates Tudor style 4BR/4BA. Formal dining w/French doors & eat-in kitchen/family room that opens to lovely garden. Candy Benny x328

MONTCLAIR \$432,000
Panoramic Bay view. This oak studded lot is located in an area of million dollar + homes. Charlotte Boyle x370 & Helen Danhaki x356 or 547-5750

MONTCLAIR \$399,000
Private and serene with open floor plan and Bay & hill views. 2+BR/2BA, bonus room, tastefully remodeled kitchen and decks. Donna Costella x355

Homeowners can help reduce energy consumption

HOME DEPOT

With warmer temperatures already here, California power grid operators are threatening to order a record number of rolling blackouts this summer. The high temperatures will drastically increase the use of power-guzzling air conditioners, which threatens to overwhelm California's already strained energy supply.

The Home Depot recently added an Energy Conservation section to its existing Web site to help consumers adjust.

The new energy section at www.HomeDepot.com/energy provides information and tools to help you take immediate action in reducing your energy consumption.

Updated weekly, the site is designed to provide more than just energy conservation information, but practical how-to information.

Some of the site's features:

- A home energy audit
- Energy efficient products
- Tips and do-it-yourself projects
- Creating a power outage survival kit
- Links to related Web sites

Quick fixes

■ For optimal energy savings, set thermostats at 78 degrees for cooling in the summer. Air conditioners account for as much as 40 to 60 percent of summer energy bills. Turn the air conditioner off or raise the thermostat when no one is home. Seniors and people with

special medical needs should check with their doctors before changing their normal home temperatures.

■ Keep blinds or drapes closed during afternoons and early evenings.

■ Clean or replace air conditioner filters as recommended by the manufacturer.

■ Check air conditioning ductwork to make sure it hasn't become disconnected or crushed. Use duct tape to seal leaky ducts. About 25 cents of each dollar spent on cooling may be lost through leaky ducts.

■ Turn off lights when they're not needed. Seventy-five percent of the electricity used by incandescent

bulbs becomes wasted heat, not light. Switch to those energy-efficient fluorescent lights.

■ Make your current appliances more energy efficient. To conserve energy, have food in the pan ready to cook before turning on your electric stovetop or oven. Once your food is cooking, resist the urge to open the oven door and peek — each time you do, you lose approximately 25 degrees of heat. The same goes for the refrigerator.

Try to avoid multiple trips and encourage family members to close the door right away. While you're at it, clear out your spare refrigerator or freezer and turn it off. (Be sure the unit is secured and not accessible by young children.)

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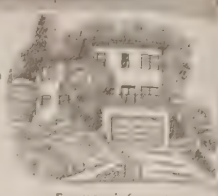
Berkeley Hills' Best Buy

Highly sought after, this home is a true gem. It features a beautiful interior with a large fireplace, hardwood floors, and a large kitchen. The exterior is also beautiful with a large front yard and a two-car garage.

1379 Grizzly Peak, Berkeley

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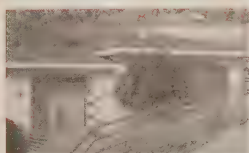


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BEAUTIFUL ARCHITECTURAL GEM.....\$665,000
You'll love the way this custom 4 bdrm 2 1/2 bath home feels. The space, light filled rooms, family friendly floor plan and panoramic views all give you the right to brag. 3362 Brunell Dr.

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JOAQUIN MILLER LOCATION!.....\$549,000
Great home in a great neighborhood. 4 bdrm, 2 ba, large rumpus room, deck off master bedroom. 3335 Burdeck



CROCKER HIGHLANDS JUST LISTED!.....\$499,000
A tastefully remodeled kitchen with granite counter tops highlight this charming home in Crocker Highlands. 738 Mandana

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STYLISH MEDITERRANEAN-STYLE HOME.....\$495,000
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6075 Manchester Drive - Restored 1912 Mansion has 6 BR/4+BA w/ 3 - bridge views.
Gene Boomer 510-339-9290

* **Open Sunday 2-4:30** \$1,250,000
6481 Farallon Way - Totally renovated 3 BR/3.5 BA has 3,470 sq. ft. and the best view on the planet!
George Millirons 510-339-9290

Piedmont Schools! \$859,000
Elegant contemporary 3+BR, 2+BA w/ Asian influences in a serene, wooded setting. 105 Calvert Ct.
Madalyn Mitchell 510-428-0900

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9175 Skyline Blvd. - Stylish 3+BR/2.5 BA home has views and is perfect for entertaining!
John Wesley 510-339-9290

* **Open Sunday 2-4:30** \$509,000
3520 Butters Drive - All level 3+BR/2 BA home in woody setting has updated kitchen & bath.
Gene Boomer 510-339-9290

* **Open Sunday 2-4** \$494,000
642 El Dorado - Dutch colonial 4+BR Edwardian elegance! Wood detail needs foundn't wk, charm!
Terrence Jue 510-524-2526

* **Open Sunday 2-4:30** \$490,000
4058 Waterhouse Rd - Spacious, remodeled 3 BR/2 BA has hwd. flrs. & rooms and large lot & yard.
Felicia Owens 510-339-9290



* **Open 2-5** \$479,000
9960 Golf Links - Panoramic view 4 BD, 2.5 BA & family rm, contemporary, secluded setting.
Lois Harris 510-834-2010

East Oakland \$454,900
Great inv/opp. 5 units 3-1 BR, 1-2BR, 1-1g 3 BR perfect for owner/occ. or investor. Good rents w/ upside.
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Owners Leaving Town \$398,500
Above 580 move in cond. 3/2 fam rm + bonus rm, lg yd. hrdwd flrs, fireplace. Tranquil setting.
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3977 Rhoda-Oakland - 1st open Lincoln Heights 2 BR/1.5 BA lg private lush lot. Hwd flrs. 2 car gar. Truly a great value!
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1550 Hampel Street, Oakland

The details of the 1926 era are well preserved and exhibited throughout this special and charming English style home. The floor plan allows versatile living with a bedroom on the main floor and 3 bedrooms upstairs. There is a large bonus room above the garage for a playroom, storage or office.

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Welcome to this cozy 2 bedroom 1.5 Bath home located on a large, lush, private lot. Other special features include hardwood floors, updated baths & great kitchen w/ eating area. Also has a spacious detached 2 car garage.

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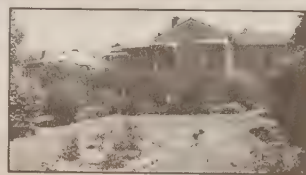
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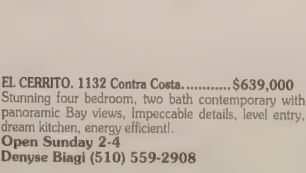
KENSINGTON. 124 Kenyon.\$465,000
This spacious and sunny 2+ bedroom, 1.5 bath home features wonderful bay views and hardwood floors. First time on the market, with many original features. Great old stove, lovely garden.
Open Sunday 2-4
Todd Hodson (510) 559-2915



RICH ANNEX 1817 Mendocino.\$329,000
Four plus bedrooms highlight this spacious, well kept home with nice bay views. Great neighborhood!
Open Sunday 2-4
Joan Underwood (510) 559-2911

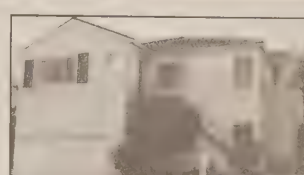


EL CERRITO. 1514 Elm.\$289,000
Walking distance to BART, shops and schools, this three bedroom bungalow has a beautifully refinished hardwood floors and one year old roof. Convenient and affordable.
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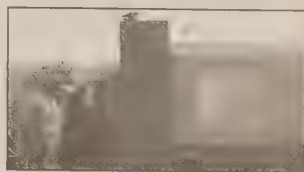


EL CERRITO. 1132 Contra Costa.\$639,000
Stunning four bedroom, two bath contemporary with panoramic Bay views, impeccable details, level entry, dream kitchen, energy efficient!
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Denyse Biagi (510) 559-2908

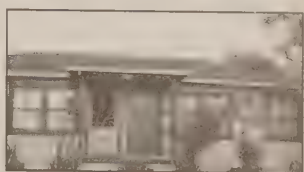
EL CERRITO. 135 Santa Fe.\$465,000
Walk to Kensington Circle from your 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Fireplace, eat-in kitchen, and formal dining room are just a few of the amenities
Open Sunday 2-4
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EL CERRITO 5615 Rosalind.\$429,000
View home across the street from a lovely park and playground in great Mira Vista neighborhood. Three bedrooms, one and a half baths, wonderful sunroom, in law setup!
Open Sunday 2-4
Catherine Krueger (510) 559-2916



RICH ANNEX. 1640/42 San Benito.\$259,000
"as is"
Nice one bedroom units in duplex, one large and one small; plus additional separate room with bath
Open Sunday 2-4
Joan Underwood (510) 559-2911



BERKELEY. 1425 Neilson.\$255,000
Sunny and spacious one bedroom home in a four unit "cottage" complex. Wonderful North Berkeley Neighborhood, and beautifully landscaped w/ private backyard and garden. Gorgeous hwd flrs, plus room for laundry or office. Detached garage space for one car
Open Sunday 2-4
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EL CERRITO. 8054 Terrace.\$629,000
Very Terrace Dr. Architect designed home in magical park-like setting, in glorious bloom the year around! Lovely Bay View of Golden Gate Bridge & S.F. Spacious living/dining rm, office, bed, bath & Kit on one main level open to luscious gardens. Great indoor/outdoor entertaining. Two big bedrooms, 1 ba up. Level-in from garage. Great location on Kensington border! Walk to shops & restaurants at the Village. Close to hiking and BART
Terry Pedersen, 510-841-3286

Oakland/Piedmont

* **Open 2-5** \$259,000
4100 Walnut St. - It's the cats meow! 2 BR, hwd flrs, deck and pleasant yard. A real charmer!
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* **Open Sunday 2-4:30** \$3255,000
300 Caldecott #315, Oakland - New price reduction! Gorgeous unit! Pretty views! Sun-filled! Exc. amenities! Express bus to SF/BART.
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* **Open Sunday 2-4:30** \$249,000
240 Caldecott #304 - New price! Oakland hills. Great value! Beautiful top flr. corner unit. Easy commute to all cities
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* **Open Sunday 2-4** \$199,500
One Kelton #2 L Oakland - 1 BR cond near Piedmont Ave. Great shopping & transit. Secure bldg & parking.
Barbara Levy 510-849-3711

* **Open Sunday 2-4** \$210,000
5 Embarcadero West, #210 - Bay view condo. Large 1 BD "designer" condo near Jack London Square with custom finishes, Pergo floor, French doors...and a view.
Barbara Reynolds 510-287-9361

* **Open 2-4** \$199,000
1524 Campbell - West Oakland Lovely 3 BD/1 BA Victorian fdr, EIK, close to BART, bridge & fwy!
Connie Payne 510-524-2526

* **Open 2-4:30** \$199,000
85 Vernon #302 - Lake Merritt Condo! 1 BD/1 BA. New carpet/paint/appliances/closet to BART & downtown
Di Allen-Thompson 510-845-0200

Upper Rockridge Price Upon Request
Stunning new French Mediterranean has 5 BR/3.5 BA, gourmet kitchen, 3-fpr/s and views!
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Simply Gorgeous \$489,000
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New on the Market \$325,000
Berkeley Chamer! 2 BDRM, 1 Bath, close to all transportation. Must see!
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Gorgeous Home with Bay View \$725,000
This beautiful 3+ bedroom, 3 bath custom contemporary home is located on a quiet cul-de-sac. The special tile and wood detail is throughout the home. Open beam ceilings, large Mstr, suite with fireplace, wine cellar and decks and gardens make this home special.
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Wonderful Home in Best Location \$349,000
This 3 bedroom, 2 bath level-in home has been well cared for over the years. The location is just minutes walk to shopping, transportation and community center. The sunny eat-in kitchen is spacious, the back yard is level and offers two large storage buildings.
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* **Open Sunday 2-5** \$295,000
Richmond/ 2707 Moyers - Great value. Pristine & charming 3 BR/2 BA, bonus rm, frpl. N. LR/ Wd. flrs.
Barbara Hopper 510-845-0211

* **Open 2-4** \$289,500
239 Pomona, El Cerrito - First Open! 2 BD, 1 BA charmer Nr Fat Apples & St. Jeromes. Great starter!
Terrence Jue 510-524-2526

1920 Cal Bungalow \$279,999
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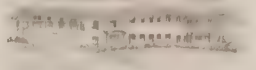
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5208 Golden Gate Ave.....\$579,000
Upper Rockridge. Beautifully restored 2BR, 1BA Mediterranean. Sunny yard. 2-4:30 p.m. **Dian Hymer**

3561 Oakmore.....\$529,000
Oakmore. 1932 Mediterranean. Vaulted Ceiling, LR, FDR, HWF, 2+BR/2BA, 2 FP, serene outlook. 2-4:30 p.m. **Ruby Ng**

Coming Soon.....\$699,000
Ridgmont. The "VIEW" home. Just listed! A stunning Ridgmont Contemporary w/unobstructed SF bay views, fabulous kitchen & master suite. **Fritz Hochfeller**

6925 Shepherd Canyon.....\$805,000
Montclair. New Listing. 4BD/3BA, new carpets, bright sunny kitchen, convenient location. Great price! 2-4:30 p.m. **David Eckert**

124 Sonia.....\$669,000
Rockridge. Charming traditional 4BD/2.5BA, 2-5 p.m. **Nancy Dickey**

1254 Holman.....\$599,000
Crocker Highlands. Tastefully updated traditional. 3BD/2.5BA, FR, stunning kitchen w/granite counters. 2-4:30 p.m. **Lydia Mayo**


4869 Harbord.....\$799,000
Upper Rockridge. 4+BD/2BA updated Traditional w/eat-in kitchen, rumpus room. 2-5 p.m. **Michael Thompson**

7316 Plank Ct.....\$399,000
El Cerrito Hills. Level-in 3BD/2BA, HWF, new carpet, family room, master, cul-de-sac location. 1-4 p.m. **Victor Ratto**

Claremont Heights Lot.....\$550,000
Stupendous lot with view. **David Eckert**

Lakeshore.....\$499,000
Gumwood details, wainscoting, HWF, 3+BD/3BA, close to Lakeshore shops, bus & 580. **Ruby Ng/Karen Lum**

OPEN SUNDAY



5317 Broadway.....\$549,000
Rockridge Classic Duplex. Traditional Rockridge duplex. Hardwood built-ins, fireplace, close to BART, College Ave., easy freeway access. Open Sunday 1-4 p.m. **Victor Ratto**

6303 Wood Dr.....\$735,000
Piedmont side of Montclair. SF and bay view. Quality architectural gem. Vaulted ceilings, 3BR/2+BA, home office, serene setting. 2-5 p.m. **Nancy Dickey, Becky Andersen**

4469 Carson.....\$390,000
Redwood Heights. All level home. 3BR/2BA creekside home. Great hardwood floors, eat-in kitchen & tranquil setting. 2-5 p.m. **Nader Davari**

3023 Champion.....\$349,000
Dimond District. Fabulous duplex, 2+BD Bungalow. HWF, FDR & more. 2-4:30 p.m. **Fiona McIntyre**

16 Stantonville Ct.....\$525,000
Oakland Hills. Charming 3+BD/2.5BA w/HWF, updated kitchen & home office. Regional Park at you back door. 2-4:30 p.m. **Claudia Bowman**

2537 Scenic Ave.....\$349,000
3BD/2BA, partial view, family room, garage, on cul-de-sac, adjacent to J. Miller Park. 2-4:30 p.m. **Nancy Maloney**


1833 Woodhaven.....\$649,000
Montclair. 5BD/3-5BA, HWF, remodeled kitchen & baths. Close to Montclair Swim Club. 2-4:30 p.m. **Victor Fierro**

56 Weybridge Ct.....\$584,000
3BD/2BA, partial view, family room, garage, on cul-de-sac, adjacent to J. Miller Park. 2-4:30 p.m. **Victor Fierro**

Montclair Lot.....\$349,000
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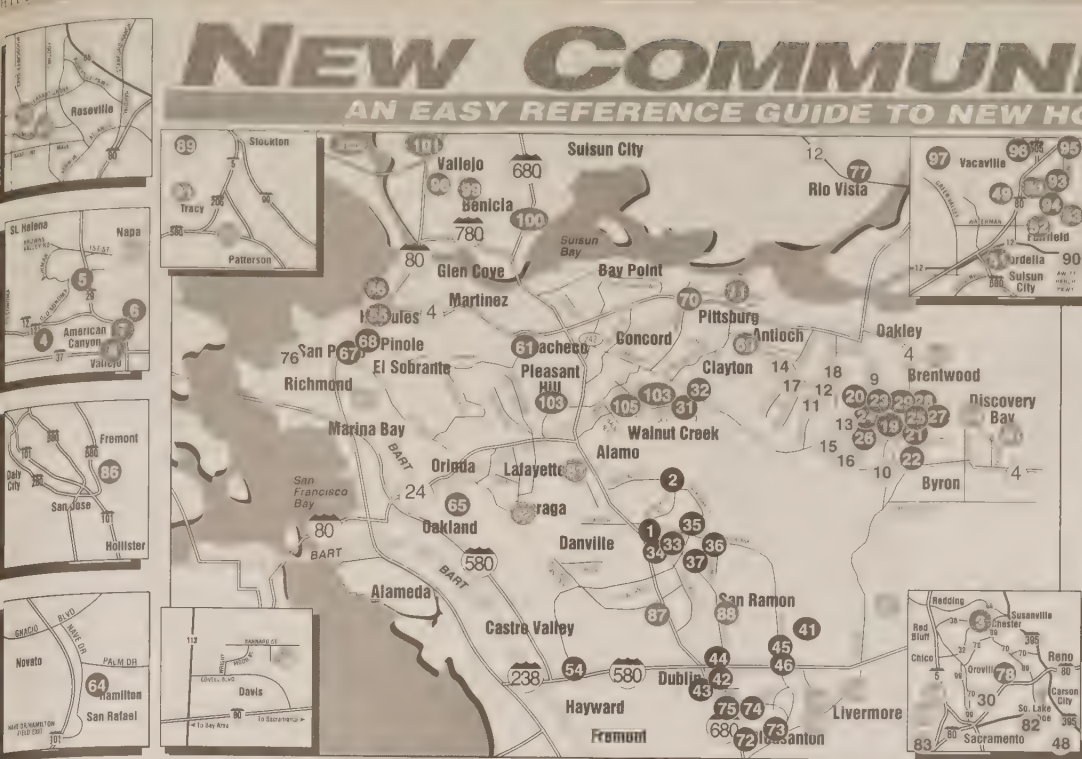
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6 La Senna at Montevino
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7 Poppy Meadows
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8 The Preserve
From the low \$400,000's. Phase 3 Release! 1 and 2 story, 2379-3599 sq ft., 3-6BR, 2.5-4BA, 3-car & 4-car gar. Near natural preserves, Napa Parks, rivers, and easy access to school. 26 West American Canyon Rd. Hummingbird. Open 10-6. www.HomesByDavidson.com. 707-558-9388

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11 Huntington Park
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12 Lone Tree Estates-Gallery Collection
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13 Lyon Ridge
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16 Prevance at Laurel Ridge
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17 Terraza at Laurel Ridge
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18 Turrell
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19 Viera Ranch
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25 Heritage Grove
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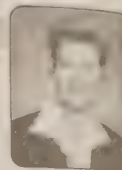
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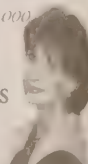
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wood, (510) 559-2911, Marvin Gardens			
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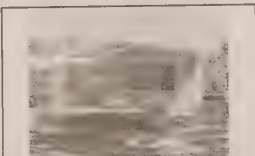
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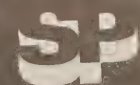
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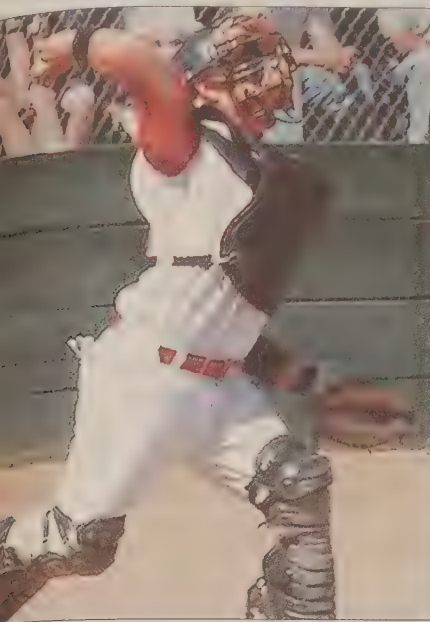
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No sport is an island — unless...



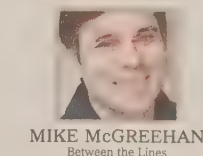
EL CERRITO HIGH'S RYAN "RYNO" DELAROSA will be behind the plate when the Oakland Rattlers under-16 baseball team takes the field in Cuba this summer.

Major league teams have occasionally held spring training there, its winter baseball league was once the sport's most popular and the Azucareros, or Havana Sugar Kings, once were a thriving AAA affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds.

Baseball has long been part of Cuba's identity. And it still thrives there. But like all things on the island, baseball has been shrouded in mystery since the United States cut off diplomatic relations with Fidel Castro's government 40 years ago.

The Oakland Rattlers, an AAU and Connie Mack team of players 16 years and under, look to unravel some of the mystery when they travel to the island next month. The Rattlers, by invitation from the Cuban Sports Ministry, will arrive in Havana on June 23, play a series of games against the country's Junior Olympians, then depart on June 30. An audience with Castro himself also is a strong possibility for Rattlers manager Eddie Abram and his young charges.

The biggest challenge for



MIKE MCGREEHAN
Between the Lines

the Rattlers, though, is to show what they can do on the diamond.

"I'm just trying to go out there and play baseball," says Skyline High School freshman Charles Roberson, one of three 15-year-old players chosen for the trip. "Coach says, 'Put everything else aside and things will be OK.'"

Everything else in this case is the political nuances and implications of a trip to Cuba.

When the Castro government seized properties held by U.S. interests in 1960, the United States responded with a trade embargo. Diplomatic relations broke off completely a year later. Though the United States has yet to restore those relations, the ice thawed a bit last year when Congress eased

travel restrictions to Cuba.

"What I've done is purposely shielded myself and my whole group from the political things," says Abram. "We're just on a goodwill tour."

Baseball, though, has been intertwined with Cuban politics long before the Revolution. During colonial times, many baseball players committed themselves to the struggle for independence from Spain. Under Castro, Cuba's numerous world baseball titles, Pan Am Games gold medals and Olympic gold medals have come to symbolize the "victory" of the Revolution over capitalist competition.

Perhaps for the Cuban teams, the Rattlers again will represent a test of their system against that of the United States. Perhaps not. In any case, the Rattlers simply hope to test their mettle against strong international competition.

"We're trying to keep politics out of it," says Abram. "The boys have been instructed not to talk about anything political."

As of now, Abram might be too busy to think about politics. He's still trying to raise funds to defray the cost of the trip. Thus far, the Rattlers have raised about 60 percent of the \$75,000 needed for their travel party of 24.

"We're waiting for the big hitters to help us out," says Abram, whose team already has received significant contributions from the Oakland City Council and his own employer. "We have some commitments from some people. In fact, my employer, Bank of America, will make further contributions toward the trip."

Recently, the Rattlers hooked up with Acteva — a concert promotion company — to help with fund-raising.

"The rubber hits the road this weekend," says Abram, who hopes key donations come through by then.

The Rattlers' expenses involve not only travel, food and lodging, but the Oakland team also intends to bring such items as medicine, food, shoes

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All eyes turn toward State Meet

Lodree takes 3 events; Panthers win boys' side, girls 2nd; 'Jackets' Brooks takes 400

By Pete Elman
CORRESPONDENT

Berkeley — On a cool Saturday afternoon, ideal for running, the St. Mary's High track team brought some fire to the Meet Of Champions, taking the boys' team title handily and finishing second to James Logan in the girls' team score.

Held at Edwards Field on the UC campus, the meet brought together the finest track and field athletes in the North Coast Section — competitors from as far away as Arcata and as near as Berkeley High.

Led by senior sprinter Halihl Guy, the Panthers boys and girls racked up 152 points on six first-place finishes, four seconds, four thirds and three fourths. Coach Jay Lawson is sending a large contingent of athletes to the state meet in Sacramento, which starts today at 2 p.m. with the trials and ends Saturday with the finals.

Before the meet Lawson said there were certain events he felt this team could win. The girls' showing was a pleasant surprise.

"This year we were undefeated in our (five) meets, but there are some tough events today," Lawson said. "I think our boys have a shot, but probably not the girls."

As it turned out, the boys won by 30 points over James Logan (Union City) and the girls came within two points of perennial track power Logan.

Also doing well on this day were El Cerrito and Berkeley. The Gauchos had perhaps the most dominant athlete at the meet, sophomore Ashley Lodree, who won all three events she entered: the 100 hurdles (14.27 seconds), the 300 hurdles (43.74) and the long jump.

In the long jump, Lodree flew 19-9 1/2 in her first effort and decided to rest for the remaining three rounds, secure in knowing that mark would not be beaten — or even approached — by the competition.

The long jump was the only disappointment for Lodree. She has been hoping to crack the 19-foot barrier for a while.

"I haven't hit it yet, but I got close today," she said.

Last year, Lodree also triple jumped. Ask any track coach and they'll tell you the triple jump is the hardest event on the body. She dropped it this season and reentered her competition in the long jump to ease the wear and



GREG HESS/STAFF

HER EYES FILLED WITH DETERMINATION, El Cerrito's Ashley Lodree won the 100-meter hurdles in 14.74 seconds. Competing in the Meet of Champions at Edwards Stadium in Berkeley on May 26, Lodree, a sophomore, won a total of three events. Below, St. Mary's Halihl Guy won both the 110 and 400 hurdles.



tear on her legs. She said she has only competed in the long jump in three meets this year. However, she also said the long jump is a lot of fun and she wanted to give it a shot.

The goals this weekend are straightforward. Lodree wants to make it to the second day in all three events — the top nine performances in Friday's trials make it through. She said she'll probably need to break 14 seconds in the 100 hurdles to get through and she'll have a very difficult time in the 300 hurdles — at least

under 43.00. A 19-foot long jump will make her very happy as well.

Senior Quiana Plump of St. Mary's shined on her final jump (17-5), vaulting past Tyreina Henley of Logan to place second.

In the girls' 100-meter hurdles, Lodree easily outran the field in 14.27 seconds to capture her second title, and in her final effort of the day she dominated the 300-meter hurdles, winning going away in 43.74, well ahead of Talia Stewart of Logan (44.28).

Gauchos coach Johnny Holmes, relaxing in the stands

with a cowboy hat and a stopwatch, spoke highly of Lodree.

"I told Ashley to shut it down after the first high jump," Holmes said. "She's jumped only three times this year and won each time. But her best event is the 100 hurdles — she could be world-class in that event. She is as good as anybody I've ever coached, and she's only going to get better. She'll be in the hunt at state."

In the boys' shot put, El Cer-

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War on refs: hey, time out!

By Marcus Thompson II
STAFF WRITER

They don't have real names, just "Blue" or "Zebra."

They need glasses. They never call it both ways. They are paid off. They never let 'em play. They're always missing a good game.

The truth is, officials are the most under-appreciated people in sports. But this interview with Harry Schrauth, coordinator of officials for the North Coast Section, might change how you view referees and umpires.

Is there a reason all referees look alike?

"Most of the associations in every sport don't have enough officials. Football and basketball referees end up having to cover three or four games a night (varsity, junior varsity and freshman)."

"There has been a lot of effort in trying to recruit officials. The East Bay officials have advertisements at A's games. At the national (convention), one of their big topics was trying to recruit and retain officials. It's a national problem."

How has crowd behavior changed over the years?

"It's gotten worse. It used to be you go to the game and there would be a lot of kids at the game. What I see now is parents."

"There's always somebody in the crowd that's being a jerk. Most of the schools are taking positive steps to police themselves. Some of the problems I see are the 'sixth man' groups. They get really rowdy and they get out of hand. Part of our job is we have to tune out crowd noise."

On average, how much do officials contribute to the shortage?

"It depends on the sport. In football, two games (varsity and junior varsity) will get somewhere in the area of \$90. Basketball pays about \$50 per game (varsity). Baseball is about \$40-\$45."

Is it safe to assume the salary contributes to the shortage?

"If you're in this for the money, you got into the wrong line of work. You're out there and you're hustling trying to do your job and people are screaming at you. At some point, you think, 'This isn't worth it.' At the point where it's not, that's when you say forget it."

Who is worse? Players, coaches or parents?

"Parents tend to be a little more vocal. Kids are a little more inhibited than parents. It's normally the parent of a player who they think should be the star. If their child isn't very good, they aren't yelling very loud."

"We have not had too much of a problem here. We haven't gotten to the point where in order for kids to play, the parents have to go to sportsmanship class. They do that

I was at a game once and a referee handed a fan the whistle and said, 'Here. You go do it for a while.' After five minutes, the guy brought the whistle back and apologized.

NCS Commissioner of Officials
Harry Schrauth

in Florida."

What are the worst areas to referee a game?

A large percentage of our games are OK. Sometimes, it's just a certain school or certain parent. When a coach doesn't want a certain referee, a lot of times it's kind of mutual. We don't want to go back either."

"I'm sure there are pockets of places some officials never want to venture. That really goes to the experience of the official. If you can get officials to mature and stay around, it helps everybody. They've seen situations. They know how to handle fans."

What advice would you give hostile fans?

"Try it once before you start yelling. I was at a game once and a referee handed a fan the whistle and said, 'Here. You go do it for a while.' After five minutes, the guy brought the whistle back and apologized and sat back down and didn't say another word."

"Parents need to understand the referees will make mistakes. Mistakes are part of the game. Just as the kids make the mistakes that costs points or runs, referees will make mistakes that costs a team points or runs. Hopefully, at the end of the night, we don't have an impact on the game and the kids decide the outcome."

Do officials enjoy playoff time?

"This is the cream of the crop. As an official, you always want to do the championship game. It gets better, because you've got the good teams at that point. Teams have won games. They're used to winning."

"I went to the volleyball playoffs last year, I couldn't believe the athleticism of some of those kids. They're really good athletes and are enjoyable games to watch."

What's with the tight pants and three coats of shoe polish? Hello?

Contact Marcus Thompson II at mthompson2@cctimes.com

Alb-Berk comes out swinging

STAFF REPORT

Albany-Berkeley Babe Ruth enjoyed a monster outing Tuesday afternoon by trouncing the San Leandro Dodgers 11-1 at Stenzel Park in San Leandro. The game ended after five innings because of the 10-run slaughter rule.

Albany-Berkeley got on the scoreboard in the first inning. With one out, Bryan Gross singled, stole second, and came home on a Chris Alfert double.

Though the second inning was a three-up, three-down affair, Albany-Berkeley geared up its offense again for a pair of runs in the third. James Assia

Babe Ruth baseball

Alb-Berk	11
San Leandro	1

had a one-out single and, one out later, Gross also singled. Jeremy Lebeau tripled home both runners for a 3-1 advantage.

Albany-Berkeley took command in the fifth as it batted around for eight runs.

Morgan Lunt led off with a single and Dereck You was hit by a pitch. Gross, who finished 3-for-3, collected another single and Lebeau followed with his second triple.

After Alfert singled home Lebeau, Yow Yadom blasted yet another triple to score Alfert. Tyson Griffin and Ricky Arias later reached on errors and scored as Albany-Berkeley opened a 10-run bulge by the time it finished batting.

The Dodgers got Todd Whitaker all the way to third base in the bottom of the inning, but could not bring him home.

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rito's Darrel Cash finished second with a throw of 55'4". Cash is planning to throw the shot next year in the Big Ten for the Michigan Wolverines. Qualifying for the state meet was his goal.

"Last year I missed (qualifying) by three inches, and a few weeks ago I separated my shoulder, so to get into state is real big for me," Cash said.

Said Holmes, "Darrel finished second on strength alone — the injury was a set back. I've seen him throw 63 feet. He'll do better at state."

Gaucha sprinter Monique Coleman performed well, barely getting edged out at the tape by Logan speedster Cheri Craddock in the 100-meter dash, and finishing fourth in the 200 meters.

The Berkeley Yellowjackets were well-represented and managed to qualify for the state in four events. Senior sprinter Raqueta Margain finished fourth in the girls' 400 meters and third in the 300 hurdles, while running anchor in the girls' 400-meter relay team, which placed fourth.

In a major upset in the boys' 400, Berkeley sophomore Stephan Brooks came from behind in a thrilling finish to overcome Deer Valley's Everett Savoy and win in 49.33.

Berkeley coach Darrell Hampton founded the Acorn Track Club for girls in 1984 and has been going strong ever since — he now has five on staff and for the first time is training boys.

"Stephan did everything we didn't want him to do," mused Hampton, "but today was his day. Our team — and this is not an excuse — is decimated by injury. Look for us to do great things in the near future. Between the (Berkeley High) renovation and a terrific crop of incoming runners, we'll be very tough. Watch out for us in a couple of years."

St. Mary's has a great track and field tradition, and senior sprinter/hurdler Guy is its flag bearer this spring. In his first event of the day, the 400-meter



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BERKELEY'S STEPHAN BROOKS won the 400-meter race at the Meet of Champions and is now on his way the state track and field championships in Sacramento.

relay, Guy anchored the winning Panther foursome, flying away from the field with a time of 41.99.

In his second event, the 110 hurdles, Guy beat out Nate Robinson of Logan to win in 14.55 seconds. In the boys' 300-meter hurdles, he set a meet record of 37.79, finishing almost two seconds ahead of Ryan Canfield of Salesian. And in the final event of the day, the 1600 meter relay, Guy once again anchored the winning Panther team, giving him four first place finishes

in four tries. All in all, a good day's work.

Stretching on the track after the meet, Guy said: "I transferred to St. Mary's (from Berkeley High) after my sophomore year, and track was a big part of that decision. Coach Lawson is so cool — you can talk to him about anything. I'm excited about State — I'll run all four events there, but the 300 hurdles is the one I think I can go furthest in. Running the hurdles you have to be smart — it's a challenge I'm looking forward to."

Alb-Berk girls' softball league

Middle Division

Berkeley Home Club
Cubs 11,
Strategic Economics Panthers 4

Fielding Field was the scene when the Cubs came to bat May 22.

Tara Chadha, Joan Cannon and Hannah Kramer smacked singles, setting the stage for Rachel Krow-Boniske, who promptly cleared the bases with a towering home run over the left fielder. After a second out, four more singles led to three additional runs and the Cubs were ahead 7-0 in the top of the first inning.

The Panthers did their best to respond in the bottom of the inning. Barbara Barnes and Emily Fong stroked singles against Cubs pitcher Joan Cannon. But excellent fielding by the Cubs led to a 4-6 fielder's choice (Mora Reinka to Carolyn Thompson) and an inning-ending double play.

The Cubbies added four more runs in the top of the second as Tamara Land-Gilden began a string of four consecutive singles.

Cub pitcher Laura Cannon fanned the two batters she faced in the bottom of the inning, but the Panthers' superb catcher, Katie Wishnoff, hit a solid single, stole second and took third on a passed ball. Liza Veale picked her up with an RBI single. Veale, in turn, was sent home by Leah Belzer-Adams' knock to right center.

Neither team scored in the third, fourth and fifth innings.

A highlight, besides the home run by Krow-Boniske, was the final out, a darting snag of a line drive off Wishnoff's bat caught by shortstop Joan Cannon.

Older Division

McGreehan

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and sporting goods to the people of Cuba. This trip, after all, is a goodwill mission and not solely about baseball.

Still, the Rattlers — or "Cascaables" to get into the spirit of the journey — look to express themselves well as baseball players, learn about another country and its people, and perhaps gain something that will last a lifetime well beyond the field of play.

"I think the boys will grow to appreciate their own country," says Abram. "Starting July 1 (through July 4), we will host the Barry Bonds Classic at Laney College. We'll have seven other teams coming in for that."

¿Como se dice "jet lag" en español?

"It's going to be kind of taxing on us," says Abram. "Starting July 1 (through July 4), we will host the Barry Bonds Classic at Laney College. We'll have seven other teams coming in for that."

Win or lose, that alone can make any type of foreign travel well worthwhile.

POSTSCRIPT: Individuals also can contribute to the Rattlers' trip. Those contributing

at least \$1,000 will receive a Fidel Castro-autographed baseball. Contributors of \$5,000 or more can accompany the team to Cuba.

Those wishing to make a contribution can contact Abram at 510-813-7499, 510-615-7000 or 925-603-3327. Abram can also be contacted through the team Web site at www.eteamz.com/oaklandrattlers.

The Rattlers also will be one tired team when they return home. But they will have no time to rest.

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Oakland Rattlers player roster

No.	Player	High School	Position
1	Daniel Limbrick	Skyline	INF
3	Kurt Koehler	Pinole Valley	P-INF
5	Corey Grayson	Oakland Tech	INF
7	Jacob Demir	Skyline	P-1B
8	Charles Roberson	Skyline	C-P-INF
9	Donald Jones	Castro Valley	P
10	Steven Della Cruz	John Swett	INF-OF-P
11	Ryan DeLaRosa	El Cerrito	C-DH
12	Cole Stipovich	Berkeley	P-1B
13	Ryan Nelson	Berkeley	3B-C
15	Juan Mendoza	Fremont	OF-DH
17	Nikki Aurora	Piedmont	P
21	Terrell Harbin	John Swett	P-OF
22	Noah Walker	Lick-Wilm.	INF
23	Jermaine Collins	James Logan	OF-P
24	Andre Sternberg	Berkeley	P-OF
25	Randy Minix	El Cerrito	INF
28	Rafael Mendoza	Skyline	INF-OF
29	Jesse Barnes	Head-Royce	INF-P
33	Daniel Walker	Skyline	OF-1B

SPORTS BRIEF

The 36th annual Dick Houston Memorial Woodminster X-C Race will take place at 9 a.m. at Joaquin Miller Park on Sunday, June 17. Cost is \$12 or \$15 after June 8. The race, a 9-mile event over a cross country loop on narrow dirt trails, is the third leg of the East Bay Triple Crown Trail Events. To enter, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Island City Runners, P.O. Box 1493, Alameda 94501. For more information, contact Gareth Fong at 510-655-8228. Or check out the Island City Runners Web site at <http://members.home.net/mhlover> male/.

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At San Leandro Balpark
Gray Ornela and Brett Morris (2) and Josh Merline James Blund, Mason Riley (4) and David Thomas. W. Morris (2-0) L. Blund (5-3) J.C. Depeno (MC) 2, Kevin Jensen (MC) 2, Drew Gilmore (D), Travis Millard (D), 3B, Travis Neff (D) HR, Dan Cordisco (D), 3rd Inn., 1 on; Brian Hill (D), 4th Inn., 1 on. Records: Dublin 15-11, Moreau Catholic 20-9.

Highlights: D — Cordisco 2-for-4, 2 RBI, 3 runs; walk; Millard 2-for-2, 2 RBI, 2 runs; walk; HBP; Morris 5 1/2 IP, 0 runs, 3 hits; 2 strikeouts, 2 walks; Gilmore 2-for-3, run, HBP; MC — Morris 2-for-4, run, Ryan Barwick 2-for-4, 2 RBI.

Quarterfinals
Encinal 5, Las Lomas 2
Las Lomas 000 002 0-2 7 3
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At College of Alameda
Adam Olson and Brett Katsikas, Cory Dunlap and Jimmy Olson. W. Dunlap (8-2), L. A. Olson (5-1) 2B; Tyler Davis (L), Dunlap (8-2), L. A. Olson (5-1) 2B; Tyler Davis (L), Dunlap (8-2), L. A. Olson (5-1) 2B; Tyler Davis (L), Dunlap (8-2), L. A. Olson (5-1) 2B.

Highlights: L — Jeff Wilkerson 1-for-4, 2 RBI, Davis 2-for-3, E — Dunlap 1-for-4, 2 RBI, CG, 2 ER, 7 hits, 6 strikeouts; Nick Loy 2-for-4, 2 RBI, Smith 2-for-2, walk, run, J. Olson 1-for-3, walk, run.

Piedmont 5, Northgate 3
Piedmont 100 400 0-5 7 3
Northgate 001 100 1-1-3 9 3

Nikki Aurora, Brett Webster (6) and Drew Olson. Phillip Schmidt, Scott Bradley (4) and Kyle Yeland. W. Aurora (5-2), L. Schmidt (7-3), S. Webster (1) 2B; Mike Smith (R) 3B; Pete Boyle (P). Records: Piedmont 16-8, Northgate 16-8.

Highlights: P — Webster 2-for-4, run, 2 P, 3 strikeouts, 0 walks, 1 ER; Pete Schneider 3-for-4, 2 RBI, 2 runs, SB; N — Mike Simmons 3-for-4, run, Smith 2-for-3, 1 RBI, run.

Quarterfinals
Moreau Catholic 8, St. Mary's 6
St. Mary's 201 030 0-0-8 2
Moreau Catholic 005 003 x-8 1

Jermiah Fielder and Ryan Salado-Singh, Kevin Milam, Aaron DeGuzman (5), Mason Riley (4) and David Thomas. W. Riley (4-2) 3B; Thomas (MC) 3B; Matt Wilkie (MC), Chris Alfert (SM). Records: Moreau Catholic 20-8, St. Mary's 15-12.

Highlights: W — Thomas 3-for-3, 4 RBI, Riley 2-for-3, 3B — Omar Young 2 runs, Alfert 2 RBI, Jeff Marshall 2-for-3.

Dublin 3, Alhambra 1
Alhambra 010 000 0-1-6 0
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Highlights: CL — Mills 6-for-6, 6 strikeouts, 1 walk (intentional), S — Martinez CG, no-hitter, 5 strikeouts, 1 walk, 1-for-3, run; D'Alonzo 1-for-2, run, Clark 1-for-3, 2 RBI, Anderson 0-for-3, 2 RBI.

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Track
PREP BOYS
North Coast Section Meet of Champions finals
At Edwards Stadium, Berkeley
All running events in meters
Top four finishers automatically qualify for next week's California Interscholastic Federation Championships (SI — denotes hand-time).

Team scores: St. Mary's 70, James Logan 46, California 36, Deer Valley 26, De La Salle 22, Bishop O'Dowd 17 1/2, Las Lomas 16, El Novato and Arcades and Mission San Jose 14, El Granada and Eureka 13, Foothill 12, Piedmont 11, (tie) Justin-Siena and Arroyo and Berkeley and Antioch and Miramonte 10, (tie) Futuna and University 9, (tie) Mann Catholic and Teninyon and Monte Vista and Arcadia and El Cerrito and Salesian 8, (tie) Arnold Valley and Redwood and San Rafael 7, (tie) Newark Memorial and Maraca 6, (tie) College Park and Clayton Valley and Benar Christian 4, Rancho Cotati 3, (tie) Alameda and Cristo Valley and Deer Valley and Livermore 1, Terra Linda 2.

100 Chris Costa (Cal 10.91), Darrell Jones (Hew 11.65), D.J. Smith (Foothill 11.08), Khris Khongkhaeng (Cur 11.08), Matt Fontaine (BOD) 11.16, Asokah Muhammad (SM) 11.17.

200 Chris Costa (Cal) 21.67, Sam Deas (Hew) 22.31, Khris Khongkhaeng (Cur) 22.43, D.J. Smith (Foothill) 22.58, Kweisi Byrd (Cal) 22.66, Gavin Rhodes (Cal) 22.67.

400 Stephan Brooks (Ber) 49.33, Everett Savoy (DV) 49.48, Wiley Montgomery (NM) 49.56, Jeremy Bouquet (Fort) 49.75, Terry Thournt (Cur) 50.60, Chris Stead (Cur) 50.65.

800 Jeff Squires (SM) 1:54.36, Adam Froto (Arc) 1:55.29, Matt Sae (Ala) 1:56.61, Chris Espinosa (Cal) 1:56.72, Yuri Nosenko (CASV) 1:56.73, Travis Moat (Cur) 1:57.63.

1,600 Tom Phelps (Pied) 4:14.92, Sean Drake (Unl) 4:15.22, Chris Windowski (KSJ) 4:15.96, Jordan Kenley (Mar) 4:16.78, Eric Roberts (Jah) 4:23.07, Will Sanford (Pied) 4:23.65.

3,200 Yong Sung Lee (Arc) 9:02.32, Glibat Gray (Al) 9:07.28, Carl Dumbrowski (Gra) 9:10.74, Robbie Boyle (Gra) 9:16.33, Dale Kim (Eur) 9:28.36, Sean Drake (Unl) 9:29.48.

110 hurdles: Haili Guy (SM) 14.55, Nate Robinson (Al) 14.64, Solomon Welch (SM) 15.24, Jason Boden Anderson (SM) 15.30, Aaron Garrett (Ala) 15.31, Travis Stewart (RC) 15.63.

300 hurdles: Haili Guy (SM) 37.79, Ryan Canfield (Sac) 39.38, Nate Robinson (Al) 39.45, Steve McKown (Clay) 39.51, Kevin Dietrich (Cal) 39.68, Marcus Nicolsa (Unl) 40.82.

400 relay: St. Mary's (Asokah Muhammad, Courtney Brown, Julian Kayis, Haili Guy) 41.59, California 42.56, Deer Valley 42.65, Fortuna 43.05, Bishop O'Dowd 43.18, Novato 43.29.

1,600 relay: St. Mary's (Omar Fong, Courtney Brown, Julian Kayis, Haili Guy) 5:16.85, De La Salle 5:22.14, California 5:23.48, James Logan 5:24.22, Deer Valley 5:26.26, Fortuna 5:26.52.

HJ: Haili Guy (Al) 6-4, (tie) James Gray (SP), Ross Foster (Red) 5-2, Herbert Ip (BO) 6-2, Andrew Galbreath (Foot) 6-2, Ross Foster (Red) 6-2, (tie) Lori Barfield (BOD) and Erin Andrianos (LI) 6-0.

PV: David Moore (Mar) 14-9, Josh Ward (Ala) 14-0, Peter Lennon (Aca) 14-0, Sean Jones (MSJ) 14-0, (tie) Arnold (Mar) 13-6, Ricky Gutierrez (Liv) 13-0, LJ: Isaac Herrera (Jus) 22-3 1/2, Vonshea McKnight (Terra)

(Salesian) Jr., Vanessa Martinez (Salesian) Sr.

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Guy will be attending Washington State University on a full track scholarship next fall.

In other events, St. Mary's took first place in both the boys and girls' triple jump — Solomon Welch (47-9) won the boys — teammate Asokah Muhammad finished second — while Tiffany Johnson took the girls' title (38-5).

In the girls' shot put, Kamiya Warren gave the Panthers a win and will be going to Sacramento. St. Mary's will also send their girls' 1600 meter relay team, as well as Danielle Stokes, who finished third in the 100 and 300 meter hurdles and Shameka Savage, who finished third in the 400 meter dash.

Last but not least, junior dance runner Bridget Duffy won her heart out, barely beating Head-Royce star Clara Horowitz to place second in the 1600, and then beating Horowitz once again, this time by a foot, coming from behind to take second in the grueling 3200.

Damin Esper contributed to this article.

Going to State

Area qualifiers for the CIF state meet, with the athlete or team, school and event qualified in.

■ Jason Bolden-Anderson, St. Mary's: 110H

■ Stephan Brooks, Berkeley: 400

■ Darrell Cash, El Cerrito: SP

■ Monique Coleman, El Cerrito: 100

200

■ Bridget Duffy, St. Mary's: 1,600

Arts

'Moulin Rouge' runs to excess

■ Baz Luhrmann's ambitious film proves you can-can have too much of a good thing

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

Director Baz Luhrmann's relentless musical drama "Moulin Rouge" exudes so much energy that it throws up what amounts to a nearly impenetrable force field around itself.

There's certainly something endearing about how much effort Luhrmann ("William Shakespeare's Romeo + Juliet") and his co-stars, Nicole Kidman and Ewan McGregor, both at their most charming, have put into attempting to woo us. They've gone all-out, singing and dancing their way through a star-crossed-lovers story line like naive teen-agers. But despite flashes of true creativity and a consistently startling opulence, "Moulin Rouge" fails. It aims to be as intoxicating as champagne; instead, it leaves you feeling as worn-out as a grandmother at a rave.

The main problem is sensory overload. Luhrmann whisks us through an introduction to McGregor's character, an innocent named Christian, who arrives in Paris in 1899 in search of a garret and a story to write in it. Then Luhrmann literally dumps a grab-bag full of eccentric artist types through Christian's roof and the whirlwind begins. A fey Toulouse-Lautrec (John Leguizamo) mills around babbling incomprehensibly, along with three or four other guys who look and sound like rejects from a Marx Brothers movie. They're in the midst of writing "Spectacular, Spectacular," a musical they hope to produce at the nearby Moulin Rouge. Collectively, these artistes are a swift pain, although Leguizamo distinguishes himself as the biggest

REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "Moulin Rouge"
■ **STARRING:** Nicole Kidman, Ewan McGregor, Jim Broadbent, John Leguizamo
■ **RATING:** PG-13 (sexual content)
■ **RUNNING TIME:** 2 hours, 6 minutes
■ **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters
■ **GRADE:** B-

pain of all.

Accept anachronisms

Christian reveals himself to have a talent for songwriting, while McGregor proves himself to have a lovely voice. He warbles out cheery lines from "The Sound of Music" and other great landmarks of (future) musical history — just accept the anachronism, it happens throughout — and is hired on the spot. The gang takes him to the Moulin Rouge to see how the lady who will headline "Spectacular, Spectacular," a courtesan named Satine (Kidman), likes Christian's work. From the first moment Christian lays eyes on Satine, hanging from the roof on a trapeze and singing "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend," he's a goner.

And no wonder. Kidman is simply spectacular. Her singing voice is pretty, but what's most impressive is the way she throws herself into the role of a showgirl who wants nothing more than to be a "real actress" (it's fitting she sings one of Marilyn Monroe's songs). In her first scene with Christian, Satine is confused about his identity, having mistaken him for the rich duke (Richard Roxburgh) who will bankroll "Spectacular, Spectacular" if she sleeps with him. Hoping to please the duke, she rolls around on the floor like a



NICOLE KIDMAN and Ewan McGregor are at their charming best in "Moulin Rouge," proving they both can sing surprisingly well — if only the movie gave us time to enjoy them.

dog in heat. As an actress, Kidman appears to have no limits; she's all courage.

Satine and Christian fall in love, but she must keep up the

pretense of belonging only to the duke as the Moulin Rouge gang goes about putting on their zany

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EVENTS

Paramount Theatre Movie Classics Series — through June 29. The evening includes a classic movie, walk-in music by Jim Riggs on the Wuritzer organ, a newsreel, cartoon, movie previews and the Paramount's prize give-away game "Dec-O-Win." June 15, 8 p.m.: "The Bride of Frankenstein." (1935). Dr. Frankenstein creates a mate for his monster.
\$5. 2025 Broadway, Oakland. (510) 465-6400 or (925) 762-2277

Oakland Public Library — OAKLAND HISTORY ROOM — "Celebrating 50 Years of the Oakland History Room," June 9 through Sept. 15. This exhibit features rare photographs, programs, scrapbooks, postcards and manuscripts.
Free Reception, June 9, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Main Library, 125 14th St. (510) 238-3222.

BROOKFIELD BRANCH — "Stories & Songs of the California Goldrush," June 5, 3 p.m. With the Goldrush Sisters.
9255 Edes Ave. (510) 615-5725.
PIEDMONT BRANCH — "Weekend Adventures in Northern California," June 2, 11 a.m. Author Carole Terwilliger Meyers presents a slideshow about the vacation riches of the region. A book signing follows.
160 41st St. (510) 597-5011.
Free. Oakland. (510) 238-3134 or www.oaklandlibrary.org

Sister Cities Parade & Multicultural Festival — June 2, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Enjoy African dance while eating Vietnamese food and other world-cultural fusions. The parade will begin at Alvarado School in Richmond and head up Carlson Boulevard, San Pablo Avenue and Moeser Lane to the El Cerrito Community Center.
Free. El Cerrito Community Center, 707 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito. (510) 236-3255 or www.CaC-CandC.com

Santa Fe Bar & Grill Wheelchair Foundation Fundraising Dinner — June 3, 5:15 p.m. The gala includes a reception, a three-course dinner, entertainment and an auction.
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The WWF — on kids' TV?

I used to routinely scrutinize children's TV shows, but I've suddenly let things slide since my own kids, both now adults, grew up. I didn't realize just how bad things have gotten today.

Last Saturday morning, I was asked to baby-sit for my neighbor's 7-year-old daughter. The little girl had turned on KTVU to watch Fox's Saturday-morning kids' block. She didn't move for two hours.

After hearing loud noises for an hour, I began to pay closer attention. Then, at 8 a.m., a show called "Los Luchadores" began. I was repelled by what I saw, although I shouldn't have been surprised.

The show, which is a live action/comedy series about a masked Mexican wrestler named Lobo, started out with five solid minutes of body slams, flying tackles, and head kicks exchanged with his wacky Anglo sidekick, Turbine. It was like watching a kids' version of the WWF. I watched with dismay as my young charge took all of it in without comment.

The "simulated violence" then moved on to stupid motorcycle chases, guys with skull masks running around, and Whelp, a deformed, megalomaniacal Chihuahua (muzzled a la Hannibal Lecter), followed by severed skeletal hands, and, of course, explosions. And two women — basically human props — appeared in heavy

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'The Dining Room' is certain to entertain

IT'S AS IF LOUIS FLYNN called a bunch of his old theater friends and asked them over for dinner. The "guest list" — oh, all right, you purists, "the cast" — reads like a gathering for Old Home Week. And the piece de resistance fits right into his imaginary party. Flynn is serving up — actually, directing and taking part in — "The Dining Room," A.R. Gurney's brilliantly conceived and richly humorous theatrical tour de force.

This is the last of the three productions in this season's PlayMakers series at Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito.

First up was "Side by Side byondheim" in December under the musical direction of Joanne Gabel. March brought director Robert Knop Jr.'s rollicking updating of "Hamlet" as perceived by the gravedigger.

Like its PlayMaker predecessors, "The Dining Room" is fast-food theatrical fare despite the table-down, linen napkin connotation of the title. It will play for two weekends only, at 8 p.m. on June 8, 9, 15 and 16, and at 2 p.m. on June 10 and 17. Tickets are \$7. Call 510-524-9132.

The scene is the dining room of a vanishing breed: the well-to-do American upper middle class. The action comprises a mosaic of interrelated scenes. Some are hilarious. Some twist your heart. Some tread a middle ground of careful recall and regret.

It was in the dining room that the family assembled for the family rituals of breakfast and dinner and, at other times, special occasions.



JACK TUCKER
Community theater

Gurney has crafted an actor's play in "The Dining Room." Its characters switch roles, ages and personalities. They range from little boys to a stern grandfather, from giggling teen-age girls to an Irish housemaid.

It's also a lot of fun to watch and listen to. Done well, as the CCCT cast under Flynn's direction is certainly capable of doing, the varied scenes dovetail smoothly and swiftly into a theatrical experience of exceptional compassion, humor and humanity.

Oh yes, the "guests" at this emotional feast include most who have trod the CCCT boards before:

Jennifer Antonacci, Cathy Bucher, Lou Capeluto, Michael Cohen, Dory Ehrlich, Louis Flynn, Maria Frasier, Andrew Gabel, Elaine Jannell, David Lee, Todd Miller, Pat Parker, Annie Perlman, Phil Reed and Eleanor Weigand.

CCCT artistic director Flynn, who founded the theater with his late wife Bettianne in 1960, most recently directed last season's "The Women," and also appeared in this season's "Arsenic and Old Lace."

REP BEGINS ITS WRAP:



JOHN MCADAMS, from left, Stephen Belber and Andy Paris perform in "The Laramie Project," which plays through July 8.



ACTRESS AMY RESNICK performs during a scene from "The Laramie Project" at the new 600-seat Roda Theatre on May 17.

Berkeley Repertory Theatre's final play for the 2000-01 season, Moises Kaufman's "The Laramie Project," opened May 16 in the new Roda Theatre. The 600-seat proscenium house is located next door to the thrust stage at 2015 Addison St., Berkeley.

The play is based on the 1998 murder of openly gay University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard. It is a probing and powerful examination of a town coping with a tragedy compounded by national notoriety.

Kaufman directs with additional staging by Leigh Fondakowski. A co-production with the La Jolla Playhouse, "The Laramie Project" plays through July 8. No performances on Mondays. Tickets are priced between \$10 and \$51. Senior, student and group discounts are available. Call 510-647-2949 or toll-free at 888-4BRITIX.

ANOTHER FINAL: And speaking of things final, here's one in a different dramatic venue. John Swett High School's Drama Club ends this school year's offerings with — and this is exactly the way Swett senior Kyle Stockholm wrote it in the e-mail announcement — "The Legend of Robin Hood ... Sort Of." Love that intriguing "... Sort

Of." What a wide-open invitation for the graduating seniors in their final play to push the envelope, totter on the brink, let it all out in what is also billed as "a whimsical farce."

Connie Cembura, who's in charge of after school theatrical productions at John Swett, puts in some good words for student director Sarah Dwiggins and the cast that includes Jeff Reed (Robin Hood), Chris Bustos (Sheriff of Nottingham), Dwiggins (Maid Marian), Richard Piat (Little John), Jamie Thompson (Friar Tuck), Tallulah David (Witch Way), Caitlyn Downing (King John) and Stockholm (King Richard).

"The result will be a well-acted, beautifully directed farce that will delight all who come to see it," Cembura says. Count on it!

"Robin Hood ... Sort Of" plays at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the newly painted school auditorium, 1098 Pomona Ave., Crockett. Tickets are \$7 general; \$5 for students.

AND A FINAL FINAL: One more "final" and that's final! Wednesday is the final time this midweek day rolls around for May. And every last Wednesday of the month means another installment of "Conversations in

Commedia" at La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley.

Created by Arnie Passman's House of Cards, the series pairs comic players, ("radical theater elders," Passman calls them) from the San Francisco Mime

Troupe and their "spawn" (you said it, Arnie, not me): Dell'Arte Players, Vaudeville Nouveau, Pickle Family Circus, Make-A-Circus.

Up this week are longtime mime troupe playwright Joan Holden and veteran clown/actor/director Jeff Raz. KPFA's Kris Welch moderates.

Gr-r-reat pairing. As a young juggler in the early '70s, Raz saw Holden's "The Dragon Lady's Revenge" performed by the mime troupe. He went on to study with Humboldt County's Dell'Arte Players before co-founding Vaudeville Nouveau.

And there will be no better opportunity to "get the facts ... just the facts, ma'am" from an original source. Holden wrote the inspired mime trilogy, "Fact-person/Factwino," along with the aforementioned "Revenge" and "City for Sale."

Tickets are \$8 general; \$6 seniors, students/disabled and La Pena members.

Jack Tucker's column runs Sundays. Send items of interest to him c/o the West County Times, P.O. Box 100, Pinole, CA 94564; fax to 510-262-2776; e-mail to jtucker@ccctimes.com, or call 510-262-2768. Include a contact name and number.

ARTS BEAT

Contra Costa

Arts nominations for awards sought

The Arts and Culture Commission of Contra Costa County is accepting nominations for the sixth annual Arts Recognition Awards to be presented in October in celebration of National Arts and Humanities Month.

Individuals, businesses, organizations and volunteers who have made substantial artistic or charitable contributions to the arts in the county over a long period are eligible for nomination. The deadline is June 15.

Nomination forms are available from the Arts and Culture Commission, 1236 Escobar St., Martinez, CA 94533, or by calling 925-646-2278.

Oakland

Opera Piccola plans September shows

The Oakland-based Opera Piccola, which means "small works," is offering community performances and arts education programs for all ages through September.

Programs include multicultural folk tales for children 4 to 13, families and adults; Playback Theater, in which members of the audience recount stories from their lives and performers enact the stories on the spot using improvisation, music and dance, for all ages; and "Taking the 'Dis' out of Disabilities," a disability-awareness program created by a

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FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Titles and showtimes subject to change.
Call theaters for information.
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Showtimes for Friday, June 1.

Alameda County

Act I & II

2128 Center Street, Berkeley 843-FILM
 • **Amores Perros** (R) 6:45, 9:50
 • **With a Friend Like Harry** (R) 7:15, 10:00

Albany Twin

1115 Solano Avenue, Albany 843-FILM
 • **The Golden Bowl** (R) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00,
 • **The Man Who Cried** (R) 1:30, 4:00, 6:30,
 8:45

California Theatres

2113 Kittredge Street, Berkeley 843-FILM
 • **Bread and Roses** (R) 1:45, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30
 • **Pearl Harbor** (PG-13) 12:30, 4:00, 7:30, 1:30,
 5:00

Century 16 Bayfair Mall

3501 Bayfair Mall, San Leandro 481-0123
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 • **A Knight's Tale** (PG-13) 1:15, 4:10, 7:20,
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 • **Moulin Rouge** (PG-13) 11:20 a.m., 2:00, 4:45,
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 • **The Mummy Returns** (PG-13) 12:40, 3:45,
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 • **Pearl Harbor** (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 12:15, 1:00,
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 • **Shrek** (PG) 11:25 a.m., 11:55 a.m., 12:25,
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Century 25 Union City Union

Landing
 3210 Union Landing Road, Union City 487-9503
 • **Angel Eyes** (R) 11:20 a.m., 12:30, 2:50, 4:15,
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 • **The Animal** (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 12:50, 2:00,
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 • **Bridget Jones's Diary** (R) 11:45 a.m., 1:55,
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 • **Driven** (PG-13) 1:35, 9:30
 • **A Knight's Tale** (PG-13) 1:00, 4:40, 7:15,
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 • **Moulin Rouge** (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 12:15,
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 9:30, 10:00, 11:45
 • **The Mummy Returns** (PG-13) 11:10 a.m.,
 noon, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00,
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 • **Pearl Harbor** (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., noon, 12:45,
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Chabot Cinema

2653 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 582-2555
 • **Shrek** (PG) noon, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:15

Chabot Space & Science Center

Tien MegaDome
 10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland 336-7300
 • **The Mysterians of Egypt** (NR) 11:30 a.m., 3:30,
 • **Solar Max** (NR) 3:30, 7:30
 • **Do Be an Astronaut** (NR) 10:30 a.m., 1:00

Elmwood

2866 College Avenue, Berkeley 649-0530
 • **Before Night Falls** (R) 2:10, 7:00
 • **Best in Show** (PG-13) 1:40, 5:30, 9:30
 • **Chocolat** (PG-13) noon, 4:35, 9:20
 • **The Dish** (PG-13) noon, 4:50, 9:40
 • **O Brother, Where Art Thou?** (PG-13) 3:30,
 7:30
 • **You Can Count on Me** (R) 2:15, 7:05

Fine Arts Cinema - Berkeley

2431 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 848-1143
 • **The Natural History of Chicken** (NR) 7:30
 • **Silent Running** (NR) 8:45

Grand Lake Theater

3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 452-3556
 • **Bridget Jones's Diary** (R) 12:15, 2:30, 5:00,
 7:15, 9:30
 • **Moulin Rouge** (PG-13) 12:30, 3:45, 7:00,
 9:45
 • **The Mummy Returns** (PG-13) 12:15, 3:30,
 6:45, 9:20
 • **Shrek** (PG) noon, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00,
 10:00

Jack London Cinema

100 Washington Street, Oakland 433-1320
 • **Angel Eyes** (R) 11:20 a.m., 2:00, 4:35, 7:30,
 10:05
 • **The Animal** 12:15, 2:30, 4:50, 7:20, 9:45
 • **Moulin Rouge** (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:50, 4:45,
 7:40, 10:40
 • **The Mummy Returns** 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:15
 • **Pearl Harbor** (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., noon, 1:00,
 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:45
 • **Shrek** (PG) 11:05 a.m., 1:20, 3:40, 6:00, 8:20,
 10:35
 • **What's the Worst That Could Happen?** (PG-13)
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Mann Festival 9 Cinemas

Hayward
 19901 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 785-8000
 • **Angel Eyes** (R) 11:40 a.m., 2:20, 4:50, 7:40,
 10:10
 • **A Knight's Tale** (PG-13) 12:40, 4:00, 7:20,
 10:10
 • **Moulin Rouge** (PG-13) 12:30, 1:30, 4:00,
 7:30, 10:30, 11:30, 11:50, 12:20
 • **Shrek** (PG) 11:30 a.m., 11:50 a.m., 12:20,
 1:45, 2:10, 2:40, 4:10, 4:40, 5:10, 6:30, 7:10,
 7:50, 8:45, 9:20, 9:50
 • **What's the Worst That Could Happen?** (PG-13)
 11:30 a.m., noon, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00,
 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00

NAZ 8

39400 Argonaut Way, Fremont 797-2000
 Call theater for schedule

Oaks Theater

1875 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 526-1836
 • **PoLock** (R) 8:45
 • **Snake & Mike's Festival of Animation** (NR)
 7:00
 • **Spy Kids** (PG) 8:00
 • **Traffic** (R) 7:45

Piedmont Theatre

4186 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland 843-FILM
 • **The Golden Bowl** (R) 1:30, 6:30
 • **Himalaya: L'Enfance D'un Cheif** (G) 4:15,
 9:15
 • **The Man Who Cried** (R) 12:50, 3:00, 5:15,
 7:30, 9:40
 • **Memento** (R) 1:40, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

Shattuck Cinemas

2230 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 843-FILM
 • **The Animal** (PG-13) 1:00, 3:10, 5:15, 7:20,
 9:25
 • **Big Eden** (PG-13) 1:45, 4:25, 7:00, 9:40
 • **Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon** (PG-13)
 1:10, 3:50, 6:30, 9:15
 • **Keep the River on Your Right: A Modern Cannibal**
 Tale (R) 2:20, 4:35, 6:55, 9:05
 • **Memento** (R) 1:40, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20
 • **The Mummy Returns** (PG-13) 1:05, 3:50,
 6:40, 9:20
 • **Simon Magus** (NR) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30
 • **Startup.com** (R) 1:50, 4:15, 6:35, 9:10
 • **The Tailor of Panama** (R) 2:15, 4:40, 7:05,
 9:35

• **Under the Sand (Sous le Sable)** (NR) 1:05,
 3:15, 5:25, 7:40, 9:55

UA Berkeley 7

2274 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 843-1487
 • **Bridget Jones's Diary** (R) 12:10, 2:35, 5:05,
 7:25, 9:50
 • **A Knight's Tale** (PG-13) 12:05, 3:20, 7:05,
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 • **Moulin Rouge** (PG-13) 12:30, 1:30, 3:45,
 4:45, 7:00, 7:45, 10:00, 10:45
 • **Shrek** (PG) 11:45 a.m., 12:35, 2:15, 3:00,
 4:40, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30
 • **What's the Worst That Could Happen?** (PG-13)
 noon, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

UA Emerybay 10

6330 Christie Avenue, Emeryville 420-0107
 • **Angel Eyes** (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:45, 4:30, 7:15,
 10:00
 • **The Animal** (PG-13) 10:30 a.m., 12:45, 3:00,
 5:15, 7:30, 10:00, 12:30 a.m.
 • **A Knight's Tale** (PG-13) 10:30 a.m., 1:30,
 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
 • **Moulin Rouge** (PG-13) 10:40 a.m., 1:40, 4:40,
 7:40, 10:40
 • **The Mummy Returns** (PG-13) 10:45 a.m.,
 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45

• **Pearl Harbor** (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., noon, 3:00,
 4:30, 7:00, 8:30, 9:45, midnight
 • **Shrek** (PG) 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:45,
 2:00, 3:15, 4:30, 5:45, 7:00, 8:15, 9:30, 10:30,
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 • **What's the Worst That Could Happen?** (PG-13)
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UA Hayward 6

24800 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 786-3000
 • **The Animal** (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15, 5:00,
 7:45, 10:30
 • **Memento** (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:20, 5:15, 7:55,
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 • **Pearl Harbor** (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., noon, 3:00,
 4:00, 7:00, 8:00

Central Contra Costa

Festival Walnut Creek
 1450 North California Blvd., Walnut Creek 934-6649
 • **The Mummy Returns** (PG-13) 12:30, 4:10,
 7:10, 10:00
 • **Pearl Harbor** (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., noon, 3:00,
 4:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:45
 • **Shrek** (PG) 11:50 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:35, 9:50
 • **What's the Worst That Could Happen?** (PG-13)
 11:45 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:20, 9:45

Orinda Theater

4 Orinda Theater Square, Orinda 254-9080
 • **Big Eden** (PG-13) 4:30, 7:15, 9:45
 • **Shrek** (PG) 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00
 • **With a Friend Like Harry** (R) 4:15, 7:00, 9:30

Park Theater

3519 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette 283-7997
 • **Moulin Rouge** (PG-13) 7:00, 9:45

Rheem All-Stadium 4

350 Park Street, Moraga 988-3411
 • **Bridget Jones's Diary** (R) 3:45, 5:35, 7:30,
 9:40
 • **A Knight's Tale** (PG-13) 4:15, 7:00, 9:30
 • **The Mummy Returns** (PG-13) 4:30, 7:15,
 9:40
 • **Pearl Harbor** (PG-13) 4:00, 8:00

San Francisco

AMC 1000 Van Ness
 1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 922-44MC
 • **Shrek** (PG) 10:50 a.m., 1:45, 4:40, 7:40, 10:30,
 12:30
 • **The Animal** (PG-13) 10:15 a.m., 12:30, 2:50,
 5:20, 7:50, 10:20, 12:30 a.m.
 • **A Knight's Tale** (PG-13) 10:20 a.m., 1:15, 4:15,
 7:20, 11:15
 • **Moulin Rouge** (PG-13) 10:45 a.m., 1:00, 1:45,
 4:00, 4:45, 7:00, 7:45, 9:50, 10:35, 12:40 a.m.
 • **The Mummy Returns** (PG-13) 10:00, 10:50, 12:30 a.m.
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 • **Pearl Harbor** (PG-13) 10:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
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 • **Shrek** (PG) 10:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m., noon, 12:45,
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 8:15, 9:00, 9:45, 10:30, 11:15
 • **What's the Worst That Could Happen?** (PG-13)
 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45, 12:15 a.m.

AMC Kabuki 8

1881 Post Street, San Francisco 922-44MC
 • **Angel Eyes** (R) 2:00, 5:10, 7:50, 10:20
 • **The Animal** (PG-13) 12:50, 3:15, 5:40, 8:10,
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 • **Bridget Jones's Diary** (R) 1:50, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00
 • **A Knight's Tale** (PG-13) 1:00, 4:05, 7:10, 10:10
 • **The Mummy Returns** (PG-13) 1:10, 4:15, 7:40,
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 • **Shrek** (PG) 12:40, 3:00, 5:25, 8:00, 10:30, 1:40,
 4:30, 7:30
 • **What's the Worst That Could Happen?** (PG-13)
 1:30, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50

Bridge

3010 Geary Blvd., San Francisco 352-0810
 • **The Golden Bowl** (R) 1:35, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40

Castro Theatre

Castro Street & Market Street, San Francisco 621-6120
 • **Juliet of the Spirits** (1965) (NR) 1:30, 4:30, 8:00

Clay

2851 Fillmore Street, San Francisco 352-0810
 • **With a Friend Like Harry** (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30

Embarcadero

1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 352-0810
 • **Amores Perros** (R) 1:30, 5:15, 8:30
 • **Big Eden** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
 • **The Man Who Cried** (R) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:35,
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 • **Memento** (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 8:45, 12:30, 5,
 7:30, 10
 • **Under the Sand (Sous le Sable)** (NR) 12:10, 2:40,
 5:10, 7:40, 10:00

Lumiere

1572 California Street, San Francisco 352-0810
 • **The Center of the World** (NR) 12:40, 3:00, 5:15,
 7:40, 9:50
 • **Keep the River on Your Right: A Modern Cannibal**
 Tale (R) 12:15, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:25
 • **Startup.com** (R) 12:20, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:55

Opera Plaza Cinemas

601 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 352-0810
 • **The Center of the World** (NR) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10,
 9:35

• **Himalaya: L'Enfance D'un Cheif** (G) 1:00, 4:00,
 7:00, 9:30
 • **The Keep** (R) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
 • **Small of Camphor, Fragrance of Jasmine** (NR)
 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:50

Red Vic

1727 Haight Street, San Francisco 668-3994
 • **We Are Not Blocking Traffic, We Are Traffic** (NR)
 7:30, 9:30

Roxie

3117 16th Street, San Francisco 663-1087
 • **Quadrone** (NR) 7:00, 9:30

Sony Metreon

101 4th Street, San Francisco 369-6200
 • **Angel Eyes** (R) 12:20, 3:30, 6:20, 9:30
 • **The Animal** (PG-13) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:50,
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 • **Bridget Jones's Diary** (R) 10:40 a.m., 1:10, 3:50,
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 • **A Knight's Tale** (PG-13) 12:30, 3:40, 6:50, 10:00
 • **Moulin Rouge** (PG-13) 10:50 a.m., 12:50, 2:00,
 4:10, 5:35, 7:55, 9:45, 10:30, 11:50
 • **The Mummy Returns** (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 3:30,
 6:30, 9:50
 • **Pearl Harbor** (PG-13) 10:30 a.m., 11:10 a.m.,
 noon, 1:00, 1:50, 2:30, 3:20, 4:20, 5:20, 6:00, 6:40,
 7:40, 8:30, 9:40, 10:10, 10:50, midnight
 • **Shrek** (PG) 11:40 a.m., 12:40, 2:10, 3:10, 4:40,
 5:40, 7:00, 8:00, 9:25, 10:40, 11:40
 • **What's the Worst That Could Happen?** (PG-13)
 11:50 a.m., 2:50, 5:30, 8:10, 11:00

NOW PLAYING

Below are capsule reviews of movies playing at area theaters. The reviewers are Vera H-C Chan and Mary F. Pols, Times; Robert W. Butler and Desmond Ryan, Knight Ridder Newspapers; Anthony Breznican, Matt Crenson, David Germain, Chris Grygiel, Christy Lemire, Sheila Norman-Culp, Malcolm Ritter, Bob Thomas and Matt Wolf, Associated Press; John Anderson, Bob Heisler and Gene Seymour, Newsday; Stephen Holden, Dave Kehr, Elvis Mitchell and A.O. Scott, New York Times; Jack Mathews, New York Daily News; Bob Strauss and Glenn Whipp, Los Angeles Daily News; Kenneth Turan and Kevin Thomas, Los Angeles Times; Henry Sheehan, Orange County Register; Mark Caro and Robert K. Elder, Chicago Tribune; Gary Dowell, Tom Sime and Chris Vognar, Dallas Morning News; and Desson Howe, Washington Post.

"ALONG CAME A SPIDER": Detective and psychologist Alex Cross (Morgan Freeman) returns in this prequel to "Kiss the Girls" to subvert the grandiose visions of a kidnapper determined to hijack a place in the history books. Freeman elevates what would otherwise be a commonplace thriller, based on the book by James Patterson. As in so many of his films, he invests his role with a hybrid American Zen mastery, delivering lines like koans. Also promising are Michael Winicott as the known kidnapper and Mike Boorem as the young victim; less effective is Monica Potter as a lightweight Secret Service agent. — V. Chan. (R) 1 hour, 24 minutes. C+.

"AMORES PERROS": Any movie that starts, as this shatteringly eloquent Mexican movie does, with a disclaimer that, despite appearances, no animals were harmed during the production is probably not going to be a breeze to watch. Add to that the fact that one of the three intricately interwoven subplots revolves around dogfighting, and this Oscar-nominated film could end up the most-avoided movie of the spring. But what a shame it would be to miss something this potent because of fear. Richly novelistic, in the tradition of Kieślowski's "Three Colors" trilogy, this is one no true movie buff can miss. — M. Pols. (R) language, violence and sexuality.) 2 hours, 33 minutes. A

"ANGEL EYES": Slightly pretentious but enjoyable romance, with Jennifer Lopez doing a fine job in the role of Sharon, a tough Chicago cop who falls in love with Catch, a rather weird man of mystery (Jim Caviezel). It's been billed as supernatural thriller, but it's not that at all. Both these characters have very real problems. Sharon comes from a family where domestic violence is the norm. Catch suffered terrible losses in a recent automobile accident. He's a bit unbelievable, but watching

Events

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Free. Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Contra Costa and Alameda counties.

Graduate Theological Union — "Bernard Maisei: Illuminated Manuscripts and Paintings," through Aug. 8. A mid-career retrospective exhibit.

"Geographies of My Heart," through Aug. 24. An exhibit of collage paintings by Jennifer Colby.

Free. Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 7 p.m. Ridge Ramon Hewlett Library, 2400 Florida Rd., Berkeley. (510) 849-2541.

La Pena Cultural Center — "26 Years of La Pena. Cultural Activism for Social Justice," June 1 through June 30. The exhibit includes photos, posters and memorabilia.

"Cultural Room Exhibit," June 1 through June 30. Featuring the work of students and instructors of Richmond's National Institute of Art and Disabilities.

3105 La Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 849-2568.

New Pieces Quilt Shop Gallery — "Quilts by Roberta Rene Baker," June 2 through June 28. Quilts by Roberta Rene Baker.

"Fiber Art Festivals," June 2 through June 28. Works by Nancy Kelley. Free. 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley. (510) 527-6779 or www.newpieces.com.

Oakland City Hall — "The Disability Mural," closing June 8. A mural created by people with disabilities describing their civil rights history.

Free. Frank Ogawa Plaza, Oakland. (510) 841-1466.

Pro Arts Gallery — "East Bay Open Studios 2001 Gallery Exhibition," through June 17.

Artist Reception, June 7, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; OPEN SUNDAYS THROUGH JUNE 17. 461 Ninth St., Oakland. (510) 763-9425 or www.proartsgallery.org

Richmond Art Center — "Ban/Ban," June 2 through August 18. Group exhibition featuring four American artists and four Korean artists.

Artist Talk, June 2, 2 p.m. "Metal Arts Selections — Jewelry and Metal Arts," June 2 through August 18.

Artist Talk, June 23, 2 p.m. "From Our Studios," June 2 through August 18. Functional ceramics and woven textiles by adult artists participating in the Center's on-site education program.

"Top of the Map," West Contra Costa artists participating in the annual East Bay Open Studios, June 2 through July 6.

Artist Reception, June 2, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Free. 2540 Barrett Ave., Richmond. (510) 620-6772.

Red Oak Realty Gallery — "Spring Show," closing June 8. Recent work by five award-winning East Bay women artists.

Free. Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley. (925) 472-0680.

Richmond Health Center — "Memory of Healing II," through July 15. An exhibit showcasing memories of healing from illness and from war and violence. Part of the Quilt of Many Colors project which celebrates the multiculturalism of Richmond and the role art plays in healing.

Free. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday and

Thursday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 37th and Blis- sel, Richmond. (510) 374-7082.

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art — "Revelatory Landscapes," through Oct. 14. An exhibition of five site-specific projects around the Bay area drawing attention to typically unseen landscape zones on the edge of the urban scene.

Seventh and Perilla Streets, Oakland: "Landscapes in Blue — Entropy in the Landscape." Hood Design will position a series of benches describing the historical changes at the intersection, once known for its vibrant jazz and blues scene before construction of the U.S. Post Office and the West Oakland BART there.

Interstate 80 and University Avenue, Berkeley: "Coast-lines." The Tom Leader Studio will install a series of black screens that relate to the alignments of the area, from geologic faults and rail lines to municipal designations.

Free. A map with specific directions is available at SFMOMA in San Francisco. (415) 947-1292 or www.sfmoma.org/landscape

Traywick Gallery — "Elemental," closing June 9. Recent paintings and works on paper by Bay area artist Linda Mielko Allen.

Free. Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1315 10th St., Berkeley. (510) 527-1214 or www.traywick.com.

University of Creation Spirituality — "Arts and Activism Exhibit," closing June 2. Works expressing the spirit of Cinco de Mayo.

Free. 2141 Broadway, Oakland. (510) 835-4827, ext. 31.

West Berkeley Senior Center — "Exhibit of 15 Artists' Works," June 9 through June 17. A variety of media will be on display during the Pro Arts East Bay Open Studios.

Free. Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1900 Sixth St., Berkeley. (510) 569-4810.

Brooks Island — "Brooks Island Kayak," June 3 and June 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A guided, instructional trip to Brooks Island. For ages 13 and up. Call for dates and times. Registration required.

\$78. Just off the Richmond Inner Harbor, Richmond. (510) 636-1684 or www.ebparks.org

Anthony Chabot Regional Park — "The Centpiece of this park, 20 minutes from downtown Oakland, is the 315-acre Lake Chabot. Other attractions are hiking, riding and bicycling through grasslands, chaparral and shady eucalyptus groves."

"National Trails Day," June 2, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Volunteers will help with trail rehabilitation, including pruning, erosion repair and trail tread improvements. Registration required. (510) 527-7377.

CAMPFIRE PROGRAMS — All programs are held in the campground amphitheater around the campfire. Non-campers welcome. Dress warmly and bring marshmallows and a flashlight. Reservations required. (510) 521-6887.

June 2, 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.: "Birds of Anthony Chabot."

June 9, 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.: "Star Gazing."

Parking fee. Redwood Road, Oakland. (510) 562-PARK or www.ebparks.org

Crab Cove Visitor Center — "Sea Soup: Discover Plankton," June 3, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Conduct experiments and learn about the microscopic creatures of the Bay. For ages 8 and up. Registration required.

"Concerts at the Cove," June 8, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Enjoy the cajon sound of Tom Rigney and Flambeau. Bring lawn chairs and blankets. Food and drinks are available for purchase. For all ages.

"The Annual Alameda Sand Castle Contest," June 9, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Enter this contest and build something fantastic. Judging is at noon before the tide comes in. For all ages. At Crown Beach.

"Crabby and Proud," June 10, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Discover how crabs live in the Bay. Find out about their habitat and feeding requirements by inspecting the rocky shore at low tide. This is a hands-on program so come prepared to get wet. For ages 5 and above.

"Beach Trail Walk," June 10, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Take a leisurely walk to

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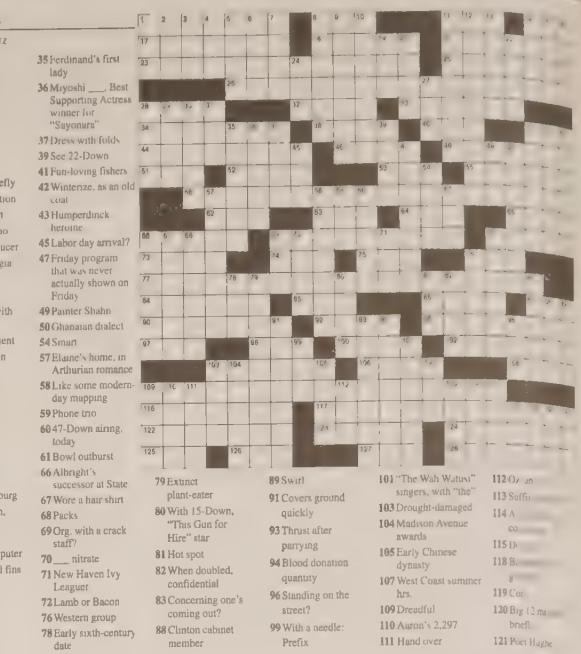
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Elsie Roemer Bird Sanctuary and back. Along the way, hear a bit of Alameda history and learn about beach vegetation and wildlife. Distance: 5 miles. For all ages. Reservations required.

"Estuary Explorers," ongoing. This educational program is designed to help children ages 6 to 8 explore nature independently. Registration required. \$5 to \$7.

"Sea Squirts," ongoing. For ages 3 to 5 accompanied by an adult. Each program offers an outdoor exploration, a theme-related craft and a snack. Registration required. \$5 to \$7.

June 5, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.: "What Did You Say?" How animals communicate with each other.

"Sea Siblings," ongoing. This children's weekly outing includes a craft, a snack and an outdoor exploration. For ages 3 to 5 with a younger sibling. Registration required. \$5 to \$7.

1252 McKay Ave., Alameda. (510) 521-6887 or www.ebparks.org

Crohn's And Colitis Foundation Pacesetter Walk — June 2, 8 a.m. to noon. Participants can either pay the fee or collect the amount in pledges. All proceeds benefit CCFCA programs and services which battle Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.

\$50. Cesar Chavez Park, Berkeley Marina, Berkeley. (650) 578-6590 or (800) 241-0758.

Dunsmuir House And Gardens Historic Estate — Nestled in the Oakland hills, the 40-acre Dunsmuir House and Gardens estate includes the 37-room Neoclassical Revival Dunsmuir Mansion, built by coal and lumber baron Alexander Dunsmuir for his bride. The mansion is surrounded by restored outbuildings set amid landscaped gardens.

MANSION 2001 TOUR SEASON — through Sept. 26. Learn the stories of the families that built and lived in the mansion over the last century as well as receive an introduction to the surrounding historic landscape. Meet docents at the Dinkelspiel House near the main entrance of the estate. Wednesday, 11 a.m. to noon. \$5 general; \$4 seniors; free children age 13 and under.

GROUNDS — The 50 acres of gardens and grounds at the mansion are open to the public. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free.

FAMILY SUNDAY — through Sept. 2. Family programs take place on the first Sunday of the month and include a performance, Mansion tours and self-guided garden tours. Bring a picnic and enjoy the

weather. \$5 general; \$4 seniors and youths age 14 to 18; free children age 13 and under.

June 3, 1:15 p.m. and 2:15 p.m.: Kaji Yama Taiko. The "Fire Mountain Drums," a dramatic, high-energy music and movement ensemble which draws on a 400-year-old Japanese drum ritual.

Dunsmuir House and Gardens Historic Estate, 2960 Perilla Oaks Court, Oakland. (925) 275-9490 or (510) 615-5555 or www.dunsmuir.org

Golden Gate Model Railroad Museum — "2001. A Model Railroad Odyssey" through Oct. 28. The museum features extensive displays of operating model railroads constructed by the East Bay Model Engineers Society. Covering some 10,000 square feet, steam and modern diesel-powered freight and passenger trains operate in O, H.O. and N-scales on separate layouts, as well as narrow gauge and trolley lines. Of special interest is the Tehachapi Pass and Loop on the N-scale layout showing how the multiple engine trains traverse the gorges and tunnels, passing over themselves to gain altitude to cross Tehachapi Summit just east of Bakerville. In addition the layouts include such famous railroad landmarks as Niles Canyon, Donner Pass, and the Oakland Mole where transcontinental passengers were ferried across San Francisco Bay from their arriving trains. The displays are built and operated by the 68-year-old East Bay Model Engineers Society.

\$3 general; \$2 seniors and children under age 12; \$6 family maximum. Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Miller-Knox Regional Shoreline, 900-A Doman Drive, Point Richmond. (510) 234-4884.

"Habitat Stewards" — June 7 through June 19. The Alameda Countywide Clean Water Program is sponsoring a series of workshops by the Aquatic Outreach Institute for all residents of Alameda County to show how to create wildlife habitat gardens, how to propagate and garden with California native plants, and how to garden with children. In return for the training, participants will be expected to volunteer a minimum of 50 hours at a local school or community garden to establish a wildlife habitat and certify the garden with the National Wildlife Federation. Includes extensive resource materials. Locations of the workshops in Richmond and Berkeley will be given with registration. Early registration advised.

Preservation Park, June 6. Preservation Park is a group of Victorian homes which replicate an authentic neighborhood of the 1870s. The homes have been restored and are used for offices and businesses. Reservations encouraged. Meet at the Lathan-Ducell Fountain in the middle of the park. Martin Luther King Jr. Street between 12th and 14th Streets.

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Free. Oakland. (510) 238-3234 or www.oaklandnet.com

Oakland Zoo — African Savanna, ongoing. This zoo territory consists of two huge mixed-animal aviaries and 11 African Savanna exhibits. See the meerkat family, hyenas, green monkeys and even a savanna monitor.

\$25. June 7 and June 19, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; June 9 and June 16, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Richmond and Berkeley. (510) 231-5783 or (510) 670-6547.

Oakland's Historic Downtown Walking Tours — through October. The tours cover downtown Oakland and its historic waterfront. All tours begin promptly at 10 a.m. and last between an hour and a half. Reservations are recommended but not required.

Old Oakland Historic District, June 2, June 16 and June 27. A walk through Oakland's Victorian business district of the 1870s. Visit the Washington Inn, Ratto's International Grocer and Mi Rancho Delicatessen and Tortilla Factory. Reservations encouraged. Meet in front of Ratto's at Washington and 9th Streets.

"First Tuesday Tour," June 5. Visit City Hall and learn about its restoration. The tour also visits Frank H. Ogawa Plaza and city administration buildings. Meet at the front steps of City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza.

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Visit the Mahali Pa Tembo (Place of the Elephant) to see African long giraffes, chimpanzees and more than 330 other animals from around the world who live in this Oakland hills park. The zoo includes a Children's Petting Zoo the Skyride, a miniature train, a carousel, picnic grounds and a gift shop.

"Simba Port," Swahili for "Lion Country," is a spacious 1.5-acre habitat offering both a savanna and woodland setting for two adult African lions and four young lions.

"Footprints from the Past," is an anthropology exhibit showcasing 4 million years of human evolution and an actual "footpath" of the first hominids to emerge from the African savanna. A the Kikuyu, Hut.

"Sun Bear Exhibit." See the state-of-the-art space the zoo has developed for its two sun bears. The bears' home is designed to challenge the bears mentally as well as physically, forcing them to forage for food as much as they would do in the wild. The naturalistic habitat is over an acre in size and includes much pits for exploration, climbing structures, nesting structures, a large pond and rooting machines.

The Siamang Island Exhibit, ongoing. The Island is a state-of-the-art, barrier-free exhibit that emulates the gibbons' native tropics. Rain forest habitat.

SPECIAL EVENTS — Oakland Youth Orchestra, June 3 noon. An afternoon of classical music in the meadow. Free with regular zoo admission.

Juneteenth Celebration, June 10, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The community is invited to participate in this cultural and educational event for all ages. Enjoy African music, exhibits and educational stations at the African Village. Free with regular zoo admission.

\$6.50 general; \$3.50 seniors and children age 2 to 14; free children under age 2; \$3 parking fee. Daily, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Knowlton Park, 9777 Golf Links Road, off Interstate Highway 580, Oakland.

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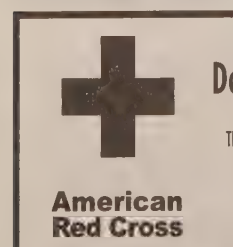
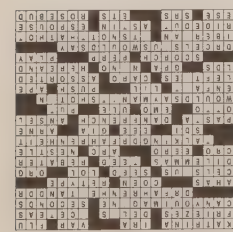
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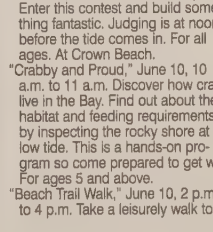
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Calendar

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-availability basis

Children

Hall of Health, 2230 Shattuck Ave., a health exhibit museum of Children's Hospital Oakland, presents free puppet shows, 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Kids on the Block, the award-winning educational puppet troupe, featuring educational puppets with such conditions as cerebral palsy, blindness and Down syndrome. The Hall of Health is a hands-on community, health-education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center. Hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 549-9682.

The City of El Cerrito, offers special programs for children from 22 months to five years of age. These programs are designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3-1/2 years meets Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Mooser Lane. For more information, call Judie, 215-4371.

LBGT Parent and Prospective Parent Groups meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent childcare. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. For information or to RSVP, contact Anna at familygroups@yahoo.com or 415-789-8560 classes

The Ann Martin Children's Center offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. For information: 524-0821

Lawrence Hall of Science, UC Berkeley's public science museum and center for K-12 science and math education offers three residential summer science camps, including two camps held at actual University of California field research stations, and three Sierra backpacking summer science camps. Each camp emphasizes fun outdoor science explorations through hands-on, inquiry-based activities, as well as lots of traditional camp fun. Each camp has a unique theme, and is designed for a specific age group. Call 642-2275 or e-mail to: hsmfo@uclink.berkeley.edu. To register, call 642-5134.

"Theater Rats," Julia Morgan's kid's theater camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 6-14. Call 883-7023 for additional information.

Health

Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT) support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

YWCA Health and Community Education, drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370, \$8 - \$10.

Community

Berkeley Arts Festival, a two week city-wide celebration begins Saturday, June 16 and continues through July 1. After opening ceremonies with the Berkeley City Council Singers, downtown Shattuck Avenue will be transformed into a lively music circus, lasting from 1 to 5 p.m. Music of all styles will fill the air from University Avenue to Channing Way — string quartets, jazz trios, ethnic singers, blues bands, instruments made-on the spot from recycled materials, and more. For more information, call 665-9496 or visit the Web site at www.berkeleyarts-festival.com.

Easy Going Travel Shop and Bookstore, 1385 Shattuck Ave., at Rose, presents a free packing demonstration at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 5. Staff person Julie Lavezz shows how to pack for three weeks, and two climates in one manageable carry-on bag. For more information, call 843-3533.

Dog and puppy temporary foster homes urgently needed. Shelters overcrowded, situation desperate. Call Hopalong Animal Rescue today, 530-5154.

Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. To sign up for an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine Ph.D. has a background in Design and Education. For the past 10 years, she has assisted in producing numerous resumes as part of her desktop publishing business. Call 848-6370 for additional information.

Marion Rosen, founder of Rosen Method bodywork and movement, presents the Method through lecture, demonstration, and experimental practice. Rosen is joined in the presentation by Sara Webb, Senior Teacher of Rosen Method bodywork. Location: Feldenkrais Resources, 630 Bancroft Way. Admission: \$10. Reser-

vations are strongly recommended. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Abby Paige, at 845-6606.

Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. To register, or for more information, call the Office of Emergency Services, 644-8736.

Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC-Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on Alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. For additional information call 642-0808.

Overeaters Anonymous meet Fridays at 1:30 PM at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2 —the childcare room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively? For further information, call Katherine at 525-5231

Toastmasters, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

Civil Rights activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington, P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA, 94701.

"Work Buddies," volunteers needed to perform volunteer work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

Psychic Healing clinic; 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief; 1-800-642-9355.

SMART project, the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse drug treatment: medical model drug treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

The Edible Schoolyard, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335 for information.

English-In-Action lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a foreign UC scholar/student for one hour a week. YWCA, at Berkeley, Call 843-9716.

Women's Daytime Drop-In Center in Berkeley; serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 466-5663.

Exhibits

Bay artist and landscape designer Keely Meadows presents an exhibit running from June 2 to June 30 at the Artworks Foundry Gallery 729 Heinz Ave. A reception is on Saturday, June 2 from 1 - 5 p.m. The exhibition will include the innovative and colorful bronze sculptures first presented at the 2001 San Francisco Flower and Garden Show, where Keelya Meadows' sculpture garden, "A Garden Paradise," won Best-in-Show. Artworks Foundry Gallery hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and by appointment. For more information, call 644-2735 e-mail: KeelyaMeadows@aol.com.

The Cecile Mouchnek Gallery, 1809 D Fourth St., continues its exhibition "Poetics of Space," new works by artists Christopher Lane and Seiko Tachibana, through July 8. Both artists have had solo and group shows throughout the US and internationally. Hours: Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call 549-1018.

The City of El Cerrito presents Open Clay Studio ongoing classes on Mondays, 7-9 p.m. Experience with clay is helpful, but not necessary. Opportunities will be provided for students to explore areas of clay work. Demonstrations and instruction will be provided on requests. Admission: \$7.50 residents, \$9.38 nonresidents. The location: Tassajara Pottery Center, 2575 Tassajara Boulevard. For more information, call Judie at 215-4371.

Alta Bates Medical Center presents work by members of the California Watercolor Association at its Community Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. The gallery is in the main corridor to the left of the information desk and main entrance. Call 204-4444 for additional information.

New Pieces Gallery is located on Solano Avenue. New Pieces is the only gallery which shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. except major holidays. Details: 527-6779

Literary Events

The Reading Edge is available for public use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2121 Allston Way. This computer scans printed text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It's available for anyone with a disability that requires its use to access print material. Users must complete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge; after that, reservations are needed. Call the Reference Desk at 644-6648 to set up a training session

Meetings

The Berkeley Adult School Older Adults Program will offer a free version of "Strong Women," an arts, history and literature women studies class at 1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. on Fridays starting June 8 at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst, corner MLK Way. There is discussion, lecture and sharing, including viewing-listening to videos. Active participation is desirable but not a requirement. Register at the first class you attend; enter any time. AC Transit bus number 15 stops at the center. Instructor is Dr. Helen Ripper Wheeler, author of "Women and Aging: A Guide to the Literature." For more information about the class call 549-2970 after 9 a.m. or Email pen136@inreach.com. For more information about the center call 644-6107 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Berkeley Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda. Share your slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. For more information, call Don, 525-3565.

Kensington Senior Activity Center meets from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. The West Contra Costa Adult school and community volunteers present the Center's program of life-long learning. Attend any class or event. Everyone over 55 is welcome. Volunteers of all ages are needed. Call 526-9146 or 547-1969 for more information.

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 25 meets on the third Tuesday of the month. The evening begins with a no host dinner and fellowship at 7 p.m. at 2068 Center St. A short business meeting follows at 8 p.m. at 1931 Center St., the Veterans Memorial Building. Price: \$3. Women who have had relatives in the US Military are invited to attend and join the auxiliary.

For more information, call R. DeRiti, Cmdr: D.A.V. Chapter 25, 916-372-8364.

The YWCA offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public and the great variety of workshops held every Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370.

The Berkeley Avatar Metaphysics Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Thursdays, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., at 2515 Hillegass Ave. Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together. For more information, call 869-2547 or 643-7645

Berkeley Toastmasters Club meet monthly, on the first and third Thursdays at 2515 Hillegass Ave. The group specializes in developing its communication and public speaking skills in the field of metaphysics. The group also learn from each other through short speeches. Call Odette Larde at 869-2547 or 643-7645

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Speak Smart! Join Beijing Express Toastmasters. The Smart Club! Meetings take place each Monday, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Peking Express Restaurant, 2068 Center St. For additional information call 549-9671.

Toastmasters Meeting: Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice with us. Every Tuesday, Noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Berkeley. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) meets every Thursday evening at the First Baptist Church, Richmond, on Solano below Arlington. Call Betty Coates 235-0490 for more information.

Joy of Yiddish: Yiddish conversation at 1 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. Call 644-6107 for additional information. The Berkeley Communicators Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant. Details: 524-3765

The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education group meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. Dr. Brian Kaye, a

rheumatologist, has treated many patients with various types of arthritis and will be available for questions. For additional information call 204-4503

Toastmasters on Campus meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the English Language Program Building, 2515 Hillegass. Details: 704-1822

Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together at Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters. On-going meetings first and third Thursdays, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., 2515 Hillegass Ave., Call 869-2547 for details

"Voices of Healing" is a group exploring the psychological and spiritual dimensions of illness and healing. The group meets on the second Friday of each month, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for more information

State Health Toastmasters Club meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 849-7750

Higher Alignment, 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships. Feldenkrais Center, 830 Bancroft Way Berkeley; (415) 461-5337, \$20

Alta Bates Support Groups - Arthritis Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month, 1 - 2:30 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events

Overeaters Anonymous, a 12 step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 8 a.m.) at St. John's Church 2727 College Ave. and in Richmond every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin (take Elevator C to the third floor). For further information, call 273-9292

TOPS; 9:30 a.m., Mondays; Take Pounds Off Sensibly. Albany Chapter meets at 980 Stannage St. at Marin 233-2948 or Karen, 525-6858

Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center and East Bay Neurology sponsors a free monthly stroke support group. No advance reservations are required, drop in anytime. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium on Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight way Berkeley. Details: 204-4503

Music

Kensington Symphony with the Contra Costa Choral presents its final concert of the 2000-2001 season 8 p.m. Saturday, June 9 and 7 p.m., Sunday, June 10 at First Baptist Church, 770 Sonoma St. in Richmond. El Cerrito resident and attorney Barbara Lanier is the soprano soloist. Tickets can be obtained at the door. Price: \$10, \$8 for seniors. Children free. For more information, call 251-2031.

JazzSchool/LaNeta, 2377 Shattuck Ave., presents Berkeley High Jazz Combos in a fund-raiser for the Berkeley High Jazz program at 4:30 p.m. Sunday June 3. Tickets: \$12 adults,

\$10 students and \$6 Jazzschool students and children under 13. For reservations or more information, call 845-5373 or visit the Web site at www.jazzschool.com

The Berkeley Arts Festival presents pianist Sarah Cahill performing the nine preludes of Ruth Crawford, along with works by Johanna Magdalena Beyer at 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 17 at the Festival Gallery in the old Lee Frank store at 2200 Shattuck Ave. For more information, call 548-8332 or visit the Web site at www.berkeleyartsfestival.com

The Distaff Singers, an established East Bay Women's chorus, is seeking new members. No auditions required, just a love of singing. Classical, pop, sacred, Broadway. Rehearsals Tuesday nights, 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Call Michele 601-5624, or L.J. 482-1677

Ducksan Distones, featuring Donald Bailey on piano, vocals, harmonica, Isaiah Dixon, Acoustic Bass, Michael Lanford, Drums and Larry Gustino on Fretless Gibson L4, perform every Saturday night from 10 to 11 p.m. at Anna's Place, 1801 University at Grant. All ages welcome

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., presents Grateful Dead DJ night with Digital Dave and Jazz Z.D. on Thursday nights from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets are \$4. Call 594-1400 for additional information

Friday Night Folk Dancing: 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.; no partners necessary for line dances taught from Rumania, Bulgaria, Israel, Turkey, Near East and other lands each Friday from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. No experience necessary - all ages welcome. Albany YWCA, 901 Kains Ave.; \$4; call 525-1542

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Learn to feed and care for orphaned baby birds, house sparrows, starlings and pigeons are introduced species that are not afforded care by rehabilitation groups. You can make an important contribution in returning these species to the wild life they deserve to have. Free training and some supplies. Call Myrna 331-3042 or Lelia 6555-3911

Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, offers "Scribble Time," a technique that helps participants understand themselves and to find focus. The group meets on Tuesdays by appointments and is free to YWCA members. Call 848-6370 for additional information, leave a message for Anne Levine


East Bay Regional Park Botanical Garden Tilden Park, presents regular tours, seven days a week. Week days 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and Sundays 2 p.m. Special tours by appointment. Call 841-8732. For a schedule of upcoming classes call 925-820-1021

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FILE NO. 2001-2810
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NAME STATEMENT**
The name of the business:
LEGEND, 1ST DRIVE, E. 10

located at 860 So. 31st
Street in Richmond, CA
94804
This business is hereby
registered by the following
owner(s)
Legend Jet-Drive Inc.
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This business is conducted

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above. Business commenced on April 24, 2001. Expires April 24, 2006. Legal The Journal #0608.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT**
The name of the business
OH HENRY is located at
6439 Claremont Ave. in
Richmond, CA. 94805
This business is hereby
registered by the following
owner(s):
Tamara Betty Romijn

6439 Claremont Ave
Richmond, CA 94805
This business is conducted
by: an individual
/s/Tamara Romijn
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT**
The name of the business:
RISKSMART SOLUTIONS is

located at 608 Everett St. in
El Cerrito, CA. 94530
This business is hereby
registered by the following
owner(s):
Charles T. Wilson
609 Everett St
El Cerrito, CA. 94530
This business is conducted
by: an individual
Charles T. Wilson

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT**

The name of the business
WHO'S WHO IN HEAVEN is
located at 3684 Mt. Diablo
Blvd. in Lafayette, CA
94549
This business is hereby
registered by the following
owner(s):
Jerry Clarke
806 Tampico Way
Oakland, CA 94609

Walnut Creek, CA, 94598
This business is conducted
by: an individual
/s/ Jerry L. Clarke
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Support

Free Yoga for Cancer class meets every Wednesday from 11:30 to 12:45 p.m. at the Alta Bates Comprehensive Cancer Center. The classes are open to both current patients and long-term survivors. Call Janet, 891-9560, for directions and more information.

Restorative Yoga class meets on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in central Berkeley. Cost: \$10 per class. Easy, luxurious stretches and mindful breathing help to ease tension and discomfort and open the body to relaxation and well-being. Call Janet, 891-9560, for directions and more information.

Berkeley Fibromyalgia Support Group presents Dr. Kathryn Williams from 12:00 to 12:30 p.m. at Alta Bates Medical Center, Maffey Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. Dr. Williams is the former chairman of the Department of Rehabilitation, Contra Costa Regional Medical Center. Her topic is "Current Understanding of Fibromyalgia." The event is free. For more information, call D.L. Malinowski, 891-0560. For directions only, call Barbara Ridley at 204-4503.

Adult Survivors of Incest, a local support group in the east bay is being formed. The group will gather for healing discussions and also various activities, including hiking, dancing, classic film watching, traveling, or any fun activity. Interested participants, call Atina Pease at 625-1698. Free fee to have a message.

The pain and grief associated with the death of a loved one can often feel overwhelming — especially during the holidays. Many people suffer isolation. The grief counseling project is here to help. No one is turned away for lack of money. Call 899-1104.

The Grief Care Community offers a week bereavement support groups as well as art therapy grief groups, and individual support. Call 540-0830 for additional information.

The local self-help group for Berkeley National Multiple Sclerosis Society meets periodically. Call Toni at 853-4534 for additional information.

Alta Bates Medical Center Herrick Campus offers a guided relaxation and visualization for people with cancer every Thursday, 5-6 p.m. at its Comprehensive Cancer Center, first floor Conference Room, 2001 Dwight Way. The Center offers this solution with an innovative approach to reducing stress and anxiety and creating positive, life-affirming images. Call 204-1811 for additional information. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

Alta Bates Medical Center offers a Grief Education Class every third Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. to noon at 454C Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. The class covers common and personal grief reactions. Fee: \$10. No one refused due to inability to pay. For further information, contact 841-2930.

Alta Bates Medical Center, 3001 Dwight Way offers support group classes for stroke survivors and their families and friends on the first Tuesday of the month, from 4-5 p.m. at the Herrick Campus of Alta Bates Medical Center. There is no admission charge and advance registration is not necessary. Call 204-4503 for additional information.

The Comprehensive Cancer Center and Breast Center Salon, Alta Bates Medical Center, 3001 Dwight Way, offers a support group for friends and families coping with cancer. The support group is offered on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. This is a free service. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

The Lupus Foundation of Northern California is still accepting applications for its Youth Pilot Support Program currently underway at Lucille Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. The group meets monthly and is open to teens suffering from lupus and other rheumatic diseases. For more information, call (408) 954-8600 or visit www.call.org.

The City of Berkeley Portable Meals program desperately needs drivers to deliver 15 meals once a week to homebound seniors. Call 644-8590.

The North Berkeley Senior Center is also seeking volunteers to work in its 9th shop, coffee bar and dining area 7:30 to four hours, one day a week. Call 644-6107.

The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education group presents Dorothea Dorez, a state certified massage and movement therapist, who teaches self-healing methods. Bring a small pillow, and wear loose, comfortable clothing. For directions or more information, call 204-4503.

Lecture/Workshop

Tai Chi Chuan and Chi-kung classes take place at Berkeley Unitarian Church at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings and 9 a.m. Saturday mornings at Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar St. People of all ages and physical conditions are welcome to practice. Donation: \$5. To sign up, call 268-4935.

The YWCA offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public as well as the different things that the center has to offer such as a great variety of workshops. They are held every Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370.

Learn Computer Applications for the "working" world using Windows '95 and 98 and Microsoft Office 2000 software, Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Publisher. Class offered: Monday, Friday, 2:15 - 6:15 p.m. Location: Contra Costa County Office of Education, 1925 San Pablo Ave., Suite No. 217-0840 or visit the web site at www.cocoe.k12.ca.us/rop.

"Mind in Meditation", is a peaceful and practical introduction to the basics of meditation. The free seminar takes place at Barnes and Noble Book-

sellers, 2352 Shattuck Ave. Pragati Dove is the facilitator. Call 644-0861 for additional information.

Emotions Anonymous: Twelve-Step meetings every Sunday at 8 p.m. Call 236-8228 for Berkeley location.

Religion

Taize Worship service, an hour of quiet reflection and song is 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 1 in the Loper Chapel, 2345 Channing Way, adjacent to the First Congregational Church of Berkeley sanctuary. For more information, call 848-3696.

Theater, Dance & Film

Learn easy international folk dances, fun for all ages at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave. No experience necessary. Wear comfortable shoes and come prepared for a good time. Admission: Adults \$2 and \$1 for kids. For more information, call 525-1130.

Family Folkdancing takes place on the third Sundays, 1-2:30 p.m. at Ashkenazi Music and Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave. Instructor: Denise Schultz Weiss. Bring your feet and a spirit of fun. No experience necessary. An opportunity for families to dance and laugh together. Drop in for good fun and exercise. All ages welcome. Drop-in class, no registration needed. Adults \$3, children \$2. Call 632-3713 for additional information.

Swing Dance Classes! Learn East coast swing and Lindy Hop with Michael and Persephone of Shagtime Dance Instruction, on Mondays at the Work Studio, 2566 Telegraph Ave. Beginning Lindy Hop runs 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. East Coast Swing from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and beginning Lindy Hop 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, at The Beat, 2560 Ninth St. Classes run as a monthly series. For more information, call Michael Marangio at 528-7858.

Classes

Folkdance classes, Mondays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 53 Arlington Ave. (across from the Kensington Library.) Simple and clear lessons for people of all levels. Emphasis is good music and fun. Cost: \$30 for 6-week session (prorated fees apply). \$8 for drop in session. For more information, call Mei Harte, at 848-5289 before 9 p.m.

Vista Community College, 2020 Milvia St., offers its new Sunrise College this spring with classes in accounting, e-commerce, business, Java programming, English, ESL, statistics and Spanish for business professionals. Classes start at 7 a.m. and end at 9 a.m. Call 981-2800 for more information.

Assets Senior Employment offers a job training program for income-eligible people 55 and older living in Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley and Albany. Earn when you learn. Interested in working with children? You can receive college credit in Early Childhood Development while being paid. Class starts soon. Call 238-3554 for more information.

The Albany YMCA offers after school classes for elementary and middle school age children. The YMCA offers sports and dance programs, gymnastics and Hip Hop and enrichment programs such as cooking, sewing and art. Financial assistance always available. For more information, call 525-1130.

Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., offers a family-friendly program of classes, workshops and activities taught by professional teaching artists, all aimed at bringing arts participation into people's everyday lives. Classes take place at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts. For more information, including complete class descriptions, fees, and instructor bios, see www.juliamorgan.org or call 845-8542 for a brochure.

The Berkeley Adult School (BAS) offers Adult Basic Education classes, High School Diploma Requirement classes, General Educational Development Preparation classes which can be utilized to earn a GED certificate, and Preparation for US Citizenship classes. The classes are free. BAS also offers, for an affordable fee, a variety of vocational classes and computer classes, ranging from introduction to Computers to Advanced Computer Applications. Call 644-6130 for additional information.

The South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis St., offers a variety of classes. For additional information and class scheduling, call 883-5222.

Interview Clinics sponsored by Turning Point Center at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, are held on Monday mornings from 9-11 by appointment. 30-minute sessions are \$15 for YWCA members and \$20 for non-members. Call the Center at 848-6370 and leave a message to reserve an appointment time. Be sure to leave a name and telephone number.

Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, presents Scribble Time on Tuesdays, by appointment. The class is free to YWCA members. This technique is designed to help individuals understand themselves better. Call 848-6370 for additional information. Leave a message for Anne Levine.

The Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave., presents an introductory class for the home fruit grower. Proper pruning increases the flavor and size of fruit, as well as preserves the health and longevity of the tree. There will also be a demonstration of various pruning tools. The class is taught by Greg Peck, owner of an organic landscape and garden design business in the East Bay. Cost is \$10 for non-members; \$7.50 for members. Call 548-2220 to reserve a space.

The van der Zanden Studio, 1025 Carleton, No. 9, offers sculpture classes. All levels. Call 843-9445 for additional information.

A CopWatch class takes place every Monday night from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at 2022 Blake St. near Shattuck. Know your rights. The classes are free. Call 548-0425 for additional information.

Berkeley Community Media (BCM), Channel 25, offers affordable classes in video production and editing to Berkeley residents. Free orientations

designed to introduce BCM to the public are held on Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 2239 Marin Luther King, Jr. Way. For more information call 848-2288 and ask for Patrick, John or Sage.

Ashkenazi, 1317 San Pablo Ave., offers many dances classes ranging from Afro-Cuban to Kalarjali Dances of India, to West Coast Swing to Lindy Hop and East Coast Swing. The Ashkenazi is a nonprofit music and dance community center. Call 525-5054 for additional information.

Life Stories/Collage and Ceramics classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Berkeley Adult School. Teachers are Diana Bohn and Judith Carroll. Call 845-6830 for additional information.

Contemporary Women's Issues class is forming at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St. Free class offered by the Berkeley Adult School, taught by Judith Carroll, MFCC. Friday mornings 10 a.m. to noon. Open to all women 55 or older. Call 644-6107 for additional information.

Dance and Fitness classes open to all in flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, belly-dance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, theatre dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and more at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$8-10. Information: 848-6370.

Let's Swing and Jitterbug: 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate; four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month: Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four classes.

Volunteers

Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, 2001 Dwight Way, seeks volunteers for its Tele-Care program. Volunteers provide friendly, caring check-up calls

on a daily basis to seniors, convalescents, and others who are home-bound. Volunteers pick the days they would like to call and use phones at Alta Bates. For more information, call Sabra, 204-4487, Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

PediatricCare provides on-going support groups for families coping with illness, grief or loss within the family. Groups meet weekly evenings in Oakland and Walnut Creek. Fees are on a sliding scale. Call PediatricCare at 531-7551 for more information.

The Alcohol Research Group (ARG) is conducting a study, funded by a grant from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA). The goal of the study is to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment; medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. The study is called the SMART Project. Interested parties may call 1-888-249-8802 for more information.

The Crisis Support Services of Alameda County needs volunteers to provide telephone crisis intervention. The agency needs motivated committed people to serve its 24-hour crisis lines. No prior experience required. Excellent training provided. Call 848-1515 for more information.

Volunteers are needed at the Alameda County Community Food Bank to staff emergency food referral service, the Hunger Hotline. Shifts are available on Monday and Tuesday mornings, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Call volunteer coordinator Mary Schoen at 834-FOOD for more information and a current volunteer newsletter.

Contra Costa County Volunteers in Probation are continually seeking dependable volunteers, 21 years plus, who want to spend time with youth on probation. Training will be provided and screening of all applicants is required by the Probation Department. If you are interested, call Kat Thompson,

Director of Volunteers in Probation 925-313-4187 or email kmahompson@hotmail.co.

The City of Albany Recreation and Community Services Department is seeking experience fitness instructors in many areas of exercise and training, including Tiny tot tumbling, rompergym, aerobics, youth dance, adult aerobics and yoga. If you have experience and have taught contact Recreation supervisor, John Medlock at 524-9283 or come by the Albany Community center at 1249 Marin avenue for an instructor application.

UC Botanical Garden is looking for volunteers who are interested in plants and who would like to learn how to give tours of the Garden. Knowledge of plants is useful, but not required, and prior teaching experience is also helpful, but not essential. Principal qualifications are to like plants and to enjoy people. The training teaches about the Garden and how to lead tours. Call 643-11924 for more information and an application.

The Richmond Public Library seeks Internet Docents to teach internet skills and to provide hands-on assistance to library patrons. Volunteers are needed for the main library Adult Department, the Children's Department, and the Bayview or West Side branch libraries. Volunteers agree to work with the public for at least one three-hour slot per week for a three month period. Solid Internet skills, including knowledge of Netscape Navigator, Internet Explorer and the ability to use two search engines well are required. Applications are available at the information desk at the main library or at the two branches. For more information, call 620-6561.

Women's Daytime Drop-in Center in Berkeley needs volunteers. The center serves women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are need for morn-

ing and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 548-6993.

Volunteers needed at Good Stuff Thrift Shop in El Cerrito. A fun, friendly place to work, all proceeds benefit developmentally disabled children and adults. Call 528-9455 for additional information.

Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave., needs compassionate volunteers to help women with cancer through its information and referral hotline, library, or in-home practical support. Time requirements are two to four hours per week for 6-12 months. Call 548-9286 ext. 309 for an application, interview and more information.

Volunteer at the Crucible, 1035 Murray St. Sharpen skills, and meet new people in the community. All talents are appreciated. The Crucible is an educational collaboration of arts, industry and community. Call 843-5511 or e-mail crucible@jps.net for more information on how to get involved.

There is an immediate need for Home Delivered Meal volunteers at the "Open House" Senior Center to deliver noon day meals to the homebound in Kensington, El Cerrito, and Richmond Annex. For more information, call Nichols at 215-4342.

Breast Cancer Action, an advocacy and activist organization aimed to inspire and compel the changes necessary to end the breast cancer epidemic, is seeking volunteers. A wide variety of volunteer opportunities, including events, activist and task force help, and office work during the week, are available. Call 415-243-9301, for additional information.

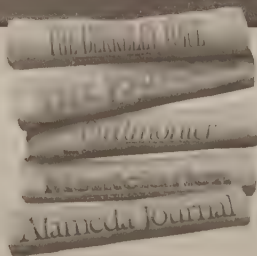
Berkeley's Women's Daytime Drop-in Center needs off-site volunteers to help with mailings, fund-raising events, and holiday programs. Training is provided for all volunteers who can devote three-and-a-half hours a week to working at the Center. Other

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Events

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land. (510) 632-9525 or www.oak-landzoo.org

REI Berkeley

"Hands-On Bicycle Repair Clinic," through July 15. Join a REI bike technician and learn how to fix your own bicycle. Tools provided. Each clinic covers a different aspect of basic repairs. Clinics run from 11 a.m. to noon.

June 3: Front and rear derailleur adjustments.
June 24: Fixing a flat.
July 15: Drive train maintenance and chain repair.

Free unless otherwise noted. 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. (510) 527-4140.

Roberts Regional Recreation Area

— Within the park's 82 acres are a heated outdoor pool, bathroom, playing fields, picnic areas and hiking and riding trails. Sea captains once took their bearings from a towering redwood tree on Blossom Rock here.

Free. Skyline Boulevard, 1/2 mile north of Joaquin Miller Road, Oakland. (510) 521-6887 or www.ebparks.org

Tilden Regional Park

"Fun on the Farm," June 2, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Visit with the all new additions to the farmyard, including lambs, chicks and bunnies.

"Planting for Butterflies," June 2, 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tour through the garden and learn how to create a patch of butterfly-friendly flowers.

"Peeking at the Wildflowers," June 3, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Admire the wildflower blossoms on the way up to Wildcat Peak. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water.

"Beat the Heat!" June 3, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Explore the stream, pond and lake environments and see how the wildlife keep cool.

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12 and above. Reservations required. Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. \$149 to \$165. (510) 636-1684.

"Rabbit Run Hike," June 9, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This hike is in Laurel Canyon on its least known trail. Early thimble berries may be found.

"The Botanical Pharmacy," June 9, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Explore how many Bay Area and California native plants have been or are presently used for pharmaceutical compounds or herbal supplements. For age 12 and older.

"Intro to Flyfishing," June 10, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Geared toward the beginning angler, this class includes three hours of classroom instruction introducing equipment, knots, rigging, fly selection, reading the water and more. Three hours of outdoors at Lake Anza will allow participants to practice the overhead and roll cast with coaching from a certified flycasting instructor. For ages 18 and older. Reservations required. \$60 to \$66. (510) 636-1684.

"Early A.M. Birdwalk," June 10, 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The height of the nesting season is here. Find busy parents and avian hungry infants on this walk.

"Lights, Camera, Nature," June 10, 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. Explore the natural world through the lens of a camera. Review basic camera use as well as advanced flash and filter methods needed to capture what is seen on film. For ages 12 and older.

"Ladybugs, Ladybirds," June 10, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Look for the larvae, pupae and adult stages of these fascinating insects.

"Sunday Storytelling," Sunday, 11 a.m. to noon. Join us through July. Tales to amuse all ages.

June 3: Megan Campisi tells stories about Coyote, the Native America trickster.

June 10: Martina Ernst tells sheep stories. Then try carding wool and spinning it using a drop spindle.

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UC Berkeley Botanical Garden

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TOURS — Botanical Garden Tours, Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 p.m. Meet at the Tour Orientation Center for a free docent tour.

\$3 general; \$2 seniors; \$1 children; free on Thursday. Through Sept. 3: daily, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; closed the first Tuesday of every month for maintenance. Botanical Garden, Centennial Drive, behind Memorial Stadium, a mile below the Lawrence Hall of Science, Berkeley. (510) 643-2755 or www.mlp.berkeley.edu/garden/

Wildcat Canyon Regional Park

— This 2,428-acre park is Tilden's neighbor. Once the home of Native American villages as recently as 1772, the area is now a haven for many birds and animals. Contra Costa County north of El Cerrito. (510) 636-1684 or www.ebparks.org

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"Kids Story Times," ongoing. Stories will be read in the Children's book area.

Free. Thursday, 4 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. 98 Broadway, Jack London Square, Oakland. (510) 272-0120.

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TEMPORARY CENTRAL LIBRARY — "Family Storytime," June 2, 10:30 a.m. Olga Loya brings tales from around the world to children ages 3 to 8 and their parents. 2121 Allston Way. (510) 649-3964. Berkeley. www.infopeople.org/bpl/

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Habitat Children's Museum

— A museum especially for children age 7 and younger. Highlights include "WaterWorks," an area with some unusual water toys, an Infant Tree for babies, a garden especially for toddlers, a child-scale grocery store and cafe, and a costume shop and stage for junior thespians. The museum also features a toy lending library.

EXHIBIT

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\$4 adults; \$6 children age 7 and under; \$3 for each additional child. Monday and Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Kittredge Street and Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley. (510) 647-1111 or www.habitat.org

Hall Of Health

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EXHIBITS

"This Is Your Heart!" ongoing. An interactive exhibit on heart health. "Good Nutrition," ongoing. This exhibit includes models for making balanced meals and an exercise for calculating how calories are burned.

"Draw Your Own Insides," ongoing. Human-shaped chalkboards and models with removable organs allow visitors to explore the inside of their bodies.

"Your Cellular Self and Cancer Prevention," ongoing. An exhibit on understanding how cells become cancerous and how to detect and prevent cancer.

Free. Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 549-1564 or www.hallofhealth.org

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and youths age 14 to 18, free children age 13 and under.

"Kaji Yama Taiko" (the Fire Mountain Drums), June 3, 1:15 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. A dramatic, high-energy music and movement ensemble which draws from a 400-year-old Japanese drum ritual. 2960 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland. (925) 275-9490 or (510) 615-5555 or www.dunsuir.org

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— Glenn Miller Orchestra, Swing Session, June 2, 7 p.m. A swing dance concert on the heated hangar deck of this historic battleship. \$30. USS Hornet, Pier 3, Alameda Point. (510) 521-8448 or www.uss-hornet.org

Baroque Choral Guild

— San Francisco, June 10, 7:30 p.m. Guest artists: Jubilate Baroque Orchestra, Cantabile Children's Chorus. A performance of Bach's "Saint Matthew Passion."

Preview Lecture, 1/2 hour before the performance. With David Gordon. \$20 general; \$15 seniors and students. First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley. (408) 733-8110 or www.bcg.org

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— "Shubert Festival," June 3, 4 p.m. Presented as part of the "Sundays at Four" chamber music series. A performance of Schubert's "Trout" Quintet and String Trio.

Pre-Concert Talk, 3:15 p.m. \$10 general; free for licensed fishermen and children under 18. 1475 Rose St., Berkeley. (510) 559-6910 or www.thecrowden-school.org

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on-site opportunities include answering phones and performing administrative functions. Those wishing to volunteer should call 466-5663 or 548-6933.

Leah McIntosh Senior Outreach Services Community Volunteers for the Elderly, 402 Harbour Way, Ste. 105, in

Richmond, needs Senior Errand and Escort Volunteers. During the winter months volunteer drivers are especially needed. Volunteer Drivers escort seniors to and from medical appointments. Training is provided. Call 237-7887 for additional information.

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Classic Classics 1930 wood-bodied Ford Model A station wagon [D2]



The freedom of that first car

My first car was a 1965 VW with 100 miles that I paid \$550 for in '62, my senior year at Del Valle High School in Walnut Creek — then there was a Del Valle High in Walnut Creek.

Anyway, out of all the cars I have had since then, that one remains my favorite.

Like all "firsts" — cars, girlfriends, etc. — you only remember good things, and in this it was no exception.

Well, not really freedom since I had a motorcycle to get around.

I know what it was — "heat." It was cold out there in the winter, but it was what it was. A VW heater, and it was a heater, anyway, did the trick.

Music, that's what I really liked. Listen to some "Tunes." Radios Hello! Nope, modern stereo equipment, eight-track stereo system, showed in the glove box a book of matches pushed under the tape so it would play, occasionally.

No, there were some good things.

■ Ah, gas mileage . . . \$3 to fill up, lasts all week.

■ Just remember to adjust that third valve.

■ That distinct VW interior aroma you know what I mean.

■ Making out with my girlfriend in the back seat of the car instead of the seat of my



INFINITI'S Q45 features a 4.5-liter, 32-valve V-8 engine and a navigation system that provides information on everything from tire pressure to stereo tuning.

New Infiniti Q45 combines luxury with performance

If the all-new 2002 Infiniti Q45 doesn't outsell all other upscale luxury sedans, there's only one reason: Potential buyers didn't take the time to check it out.

This car was a very pleasant surprise. Without doubt, the Q45 has won the horsepower race against others in its class. Hit the accelerator pedal and the response is startling. The car does zero-to-60 mph in under 6 seconds, which is in the range of an upscale high-performance sports car. The Infiniti people have equipped their new Q with a 4.5-liter, 32-valve V-8 engine that delivers 333 lb-ft of torque generated by 340 horsepower.

Acceleration is only part of the story. First, the Q45 has attractive exterior styling with a sculpture hood, raised rear deck, and large taillights all working in unison. But if this car's looks don't catch your eye, its headlamps — with their multi-lens projector of high-intensity discharge — will. They're the brightest I've ever seen.

When I opened the door of my tester, I got that come-hither feeling, created by beautiful leather seats and light-toned wood trim like nothing I have ever seen before. Inserting the electronic key into the immobilized ignition switch caused the seat to move forward into one

TOM KEANE
Keane on Wheels

of two preset positions. When I shifted into reverse, I could view clearly what was behind me from a 7-inch monitor in the middle of the dash panel.

After I shifted into drive, a message appeared on the monitor requiring that I accept an agreement not to be distracted while driving, or the navigator would not operate. However, the monitor contained so much information, I couldn't help glancing at the screen almost every

place I went. I have never seen a better navigational system. It contained the names of every street, side street and development, including the names of shopping centers and locations of gas stations — all with precise accuracy.

This same monitor also displays details about the automatic air conditioning, heating system, and sound system. Want to know the tire pressure? Check the monitor. It gives exact pressure of each 18-inch tire. Curious about miles per gallon or the maintenance schedule? All available on the monitor, and then Infiniti won't allow the driver to use this monitor until he or

she agrees not to be distracted. Hal Infiniti's legal department pulled a real funny one.

The 300-watt Bose sound system is as good as I've ever heard. In addition to AM and FM, it accommodated a cassette plus six CDs. Again, all the tuning information is contained in the "don't distract me" monitor. And rear seat passengers have their own seating controls, as well as temperature controls.

Speaking of the rear, the new Q45 is slightly larger than its predecessor, and rear seating not only

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1930 Model A Ford becomes a source of joy

As Charlie Sigg farmed his southern Wisconsin land he dreamed of owning a Model A Ford. Not just any old Model A would do. No, sir. It would have to be a wood-bodied station wagon.

He wasn't THAT particular. He would accept a 1928, 1929, 1930 or 1931 model.

Sigg, who already had a Model T Ford, was active in the Model T club. Since a lot of the Model T crowd also had Model A Fords, or knew someone who did, Sigg used the Model T group as a resource while searching for his elusive wood-bodied Model A Ford in 1990.

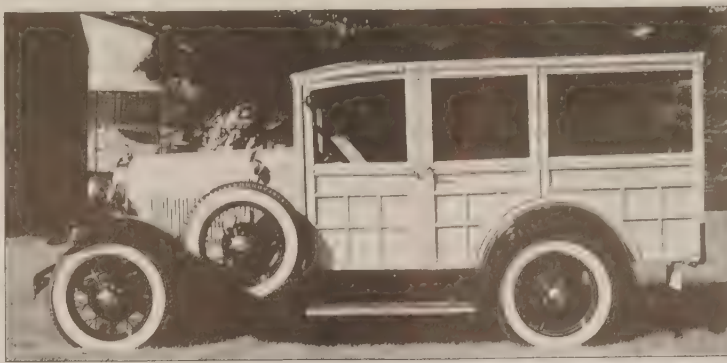
There was no logical reason for his affection for the old wood car other than, he says, "I fell in love with old photos of the car." After searching far and wide for six years, Sigg, like Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz, found happiness in his own backyard.

About an hour away from his Mineral Point, Wis., home Sigg discovered a 1930 Ford Model A wood-bodied station wagon. When new, it was the heaviest car Ford offered, — 2,505-pounds — and carried a base price of \$640. Years before the owner had bought the car with restoration in mind; however, only the initial steps had been taken before ill health prompted him to sell the car.

Sigg winched the vehicle onto a trailer and hauled it home. The wooden wagon is one of 3,799 such models built by Ford in 1930. It was rolled off the trailer on four 4.50x19-inch tires which were unused but were not new. Since then, because he couldn't match them, Sigg replaced them along with the two side-mounted spare tires.

The new owner spent that winter researching and learning about the car. The basic 200.5-cubic-inch, four-cylinder engine was rebuilt to its healthy 40-horsepower output. At the same time the floor-shifted transmission was overhauled.

Age and the elements had taken a toll on the wood body which was replaced. The new wood body, completely disassembled, arrived from a supplier in New York. With a lot of help Sigg — determined to strengthen the unit — was able to assemble the birch



MOTOR MATTERS

1930 MODEL A FORD has a birch body with maple door posts and outside grid, a waterproof fabric roof and a 200.5-cubic-inch, 40-horsepower engine.

body with maple door posts and a maple grid outside the birch body.

From the windshield forward, by the cowl lights, the vehicle is like every other Model A Ford — all metal. It is painted a Manilla brown. The fenders are black, as are the wire-spoked wheels.

The waterproof fabric roof, Sigg explains, is stretched over an inner liner supported by longitudinal bass-wood slats.

Only the one-piece windshield, with a single vacuum-powered wiper for the driver, is glass. It can be tilted open for additional ventilation. The six side windows, as well as the rear windows, were merely isinglass, but the side curtains are now modern-day plastic.

Sigg reports that although the four dented fenders were salvageable, he instead opted for new fenders and running boards. He traded parts for a new radiator shell, front bumper and headlights. For the sake of safety, Sigg added a second taillight to complement the original left taillight.

Seating for the eight passengers was reupholstered in black nautahyde. Sigg says the eight-passenger rating should be downgraded to six passengers.

Each night after his farm work, Sigg would labor on his Ford for a few hours. "I always quit in time for Jay Leno," he recalls. The job was finished in the spring of 1998.

When Sigg takes his wood-bodied Ford out for some exercise, he is comfortable driving it at 40 to 45 mph. "I'm in no hurry," he says. "I'm just going for an enjoyable drive." Driving about on the 103-inch wheel-base provides a somewhat choppy

ride, which was expected 71 years ago in a lively vehicle.

Still, Sigg says of his 1930 Model A Ford, "it's brought me nothing but joy."

If you have an antique car of interest to "Classic Classics" readers, write to Vern Parker detailing its merits. (Please, no inquiries about selling or buying vehicles.) His address: 2221 Abbottsford Drive, Vienna, VA 22181.

First

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Yamaha, now that was a real plus.

■ Not having to ask for the keys to my Dad's car . . . Now that was huge, since I had to give a weeks notice and references from three people of good standing to get the stupid keys, but I digress.

Another plus was that the passenger seat could be removed, which when removed, an ice chest would fit perfectly in its place.

That came in handy for the

week-ends on Mt. Diablo for chilling "beverages".

But it really came down to just having a car.

The freedom to get in it and drive. ■ Drive my sister and her stupid friends.

■ Drive my stupid friends.

■ Drive to school.

■ Drive to work.

■ Drive my Mom nuts.

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provides more legroom, but also passengers in this dream boat have their own center console if the fifth seat isn't being used.

The ride, based on four-wheel independent suspension, is very smooth. But what was most pleasing to me were two qualities: comfort and performance.

No two ways about it, this

car is capable of high-performance of the caliber expected of a sports car. I drove the Q45 around a race track where I was able to appreciate how well it performs under extreme demands.

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HORSEPOWER (net)	340 at 6400 rpm
TORQUE (lb-ft)	333 at 4000 rpm
TRANSMISSION	5-speed auto w/manual shifter
WHEELBASE	111 in. 2819 mm
TREAD (front/rear)	61 / 61 in. 11549 / 1549 mm
OVERALL LENGTH	200 in. 5080 mm
OVERALL WIDTH	72 in. 1828 mm
HEIGHT	60 in. 1524 mm
TURNING (curb-to-curb)	36 ft. 11 m
CURB WEIGHT	4,007 lbs. 1817 kg
FUEL CAPACITY	21 gals. 79 L
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STRONG FEATURE	Comfort, performance
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When you are done with the tent, it can be quickly disassembled and stored in a compact duffel bag. The Sportz Truck Tent sells for a manufacturer's suggested retail price of \$149.95, plus shipping and handling.

Later this summer the company will be selling a new model in a camouflage pattern at a MSRP of \$169.95.

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SIMPLE DESIGN: The Z9 convertible concept offers a look into the future of BMW interior and exterior design.

The interior features iDrive, an ergonomic concept designed to facilitate operating the myriad functions inside the car.

In silhouette, this open-air 2+2 possesses classic long-hood/short-deck proportions, from front to rear.

FAVORITE NEWS ITEM: found in Leslie Hazelton's book titled "Everything Women Always Wanted to Know About Cars": "When a thief tried to steal a Detroit woman's car as she was leaving it to go pay for gas, she grabbed the Club and used it — as a club. She beat him over the head. Per-

haps her aggressive behavior was triggered by the fact that her six-year-old was in the car.

The thief was hospitalized, and then charged.

ABS: When a driver hits regular brakes in a panic stop, the wheels may lock, resulting in loss of steering control and longer stopping distance, and usually skidding right into that which the driver is trying to avoid hitting.

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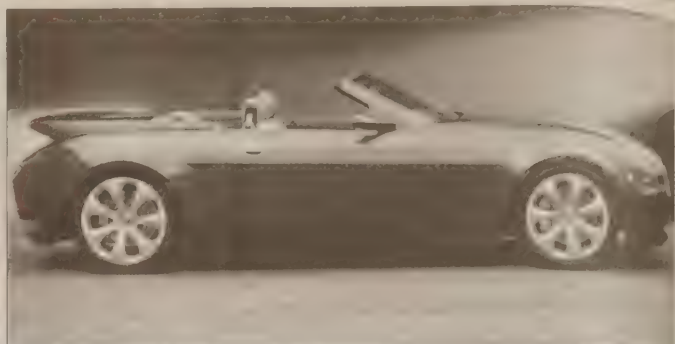
On slippery roads, the result is maximum braking, increased control and less likelihood of skidding.

BUSH SLAMS BRAKES: The Bush Administration is cancelling a 2004 deadline for automakers to develop prototype cars that would get up to 80 miles per gallon.

The National Automobile Dealers Association reports Energy Department officials and automakers will meet to discuss revised changes in the "supercar" development program.

WAIT FOR COOL PLUGS: Always let the engine cool down before replacing spark plugs, especially on vehicles that have aluminum heads.

Removed when hot, the spark plugs can rip the threads right out of the head. Source: Reader's Digest Simple Car Care & Repair.



BMW Z9 concept vehicle offers a look at the future of automotive design with ergonomic iDrive on the inside and a classic long hood/short deck design outside.

V-6 engine could compare favorably to a V-8 engine

Dear Doctor: I'm the original owner of a 1986 T-Bird 5.0-liter V-8 with 199,000 miles. It is finally time to buy a new car. However, I was disappointed at the NY Auto Show to find the 5.0-liter V-8 is gone. My other disappointment was most of the cars have V-6 engines. I would like to buy American and do not know what to do. I like the power and sporty feeling of my old T-Bird. What can you suggest? Eileen

Dear Eileen: Buying the right new car will take some time and a lot of road testing. Take a legal size pad of paper and pen with you. Write down what's important, two-door, or four-door? The new front-wheel drive cars with V-6 power will surprise you with power and economy, not to mention the excellent traction in the snow. There are many to choose from, so do not buy the first one you fall in love with. Take each car out for a long road test. If necessary, take a friend along for a second opinion. Have fun and good luck.

Dear Doctor: I am the original owner of a 1997 Infinity Q45. The car was not as exciting as I thought it would be. I am in the market for another car. I want to stay with rear-wheel drive and automatic. I read about the new 2002 Q45 and would like your opinion. Is it as good as the reports? Samuel

Dear Samuel: Back to the future we go with power, performance, handling and all the equipment one could want. After a week of evaluating the new Q45, I am convinced you will not be bored while driving it. In performance, it has 340 horsepower, five-speed automatic, a sport suspension mode, 18" tires and one of the best GPS displays yet. The radio and heat controls take some time to get used to. The DIS charge headlights look like the chamber of a six shooter handgun. Nissan made this car the way it should have been years ago when it downsized the car and power.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1994 GMC Jimmy with 90,000 miles. About a year ago, during a snowstorm I hit the brakes and heard a whining noise from under the hood. Shortly thereafter, I took the Jimmy in for a recall. The wheels still lock under hard braking. This is an unsafe condition. Have you encountered this problem before? Al

Dear Al: During the late 1980's to late 1990's, GM had its problems with the brake systems on the light-duty vehicles. There were many recalls and Technical Service Bulletins on the brakes. Most complaints were low brake pedals and the lack of stopping, especially when towing a boat or trailer. You should report the brake complaint to the National Highway Traffic Safety Association, 800/424-9393. Also, contact the dealer again for any more TSBS or recalls.

Dear Doctor: We own a 1995 Jamboree Class C Motor home, 460 EFI Ford V-8 which we purchased used in 1998. Current mileage is 87,000. We have two problems. First, the 4000 Onan generator runs only when it wants to. It will run for 3 minutes or 2 hours when the tank is full. The other problem is the engine hesitates and sputters when the gas gets lower than a half tank. As soon as I refill the tank, the engine runs fine. I have had a major tuneup and fuel filter replaced.

What do you suggest? Jim

Dear Jim: On the generator, fuel delivery versus a loss of spark could be the problem. The engine sputter and hesitation with a half tank or less indicates lack of fuel. The shop will have to check fuel pressure and volume. Electric in-tank and external frame-mounted fuel pumps are common failures.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1995 Ford Taurus. My problem is with the aftermarket alarm system installed by the dealer. Sometimes the alarm does not work properly, and the parking lights stay on. I sometimes have to disconnect the battery to keep it from going dead. A friend said Ford has had problems with relays. Chris

Dear Chris: Older alarm systems were prone to problems. Today's alarm systems are more dependable and seldom sound false alarms. I would suggest you go to an alarm shop and have a new unit installed, versus trying to repair the old unit. Most shops offer a lifetime warranty.

Dear Doctor: I am the original owner of a 1935 Ford. The engine is from a 1948 Ford. I recently replaced the oil pump and cleaned about an inch of sludge out of the bottom of the oil pan. I would like your opinion on switching from non-detergent 30-weight oil to a multiweight and/or synthetic oil. My other question is related to antifreeze. Do you have a brand preference? Steve

Dear Steve: I would not recommend the use of detergent or synthetic oil. Older engines have different internal tolerances. The use of detergent oil would clean all internal parts, and loosen sludge, not to mention slipping through all the gaps between the piston rings, cylinder walls and all seals. As for antifreeze, I would use any brand compatible with your car.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1989 Caprice with 76,000 miles. The car has been great and runs perfectly. I would like to do a major tuneup and want your recommendation on the best brand of tuneup parts. Ray

Dear Ray: At my shop, I always use factory tuneup parts on vehicles. Original equipment parts seem to fit properly and are trouble free. I know this comment will generate some hate mail from the aftermarket suppliers, but so be it. This practice has always worked for me.

Dear Doctor: I replaced the wiper motor on my 1993 GMC Yukon because I would sometimes have to move a wiper blade to start the wipers. Even with a new factory wiper motor, occasionally, I still have to move a wiper to get them working. What else can be wrong? Rob

Dear Rob: Before any parts are ever replaced, one has to know how the system works. In the case of windshield wipers, the wiper motor has 12 volts with the key on. The motor is energized from a ground and/or the delay unit. A common problem is a poor ground strap at the rubber mounts.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1998 Nissan Frontier, 4WD with a five-speed manual transmission and a 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine.

My concern is the engine will rev up to 5000 rpm in fifth gear. Then the engine will cut out until I let it come down to 4500 rpm. This happens only in fifth gear. I can redline the engine in gears

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one through four.

The technician at the dealership has not been able to find the problem. John

Dear John: Your Nissan's top speed, like all vehicles, is limited by the computer.

The computer will electronically shut off the gasoline, limiting top speed, primarily due to the tire speed rating.

There are aftermarket companies that re-program computers for increased performance and top speed. You can find these companies listed in automotive magazines.

Dear Doctor: I own two cars, both of which have sagging headliners. How can I get the headliners to stay up in place? Helen

Dear Helen: Here are a couple of suggestions. You can purchase some small pieces of wood strips. You can cut them so they bow up.

An aerosol spray upholstery cement, made by 3M, also will hold the headliner in place. Another method, and the best way in my opinion, is to look for an auto upholstery shop in the phone book.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1992 Lexus SC400. My problem is both headlight covers are full of condensation. Is there any way to remove the condensation and keep it out? George

Dear George: Condensation in headlight capsules is very common. I have found that drilling two small drain holes in the bottom of the capsule eliminates the condensation.

You can also contact your Lexus dealer and local body shop for their opinion.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1993 Chevrolet Cavalier. Some mornings the battery is almost dead. Something is draining the battery. I have had the battery checked by two different shops. Neither could find the fault. Now I have to disconnect the battery cable every night. Any ideas would be appreciated. Karl

Dear Karl: All cars have a small amount of current draw when the engine is off. We call it "parasitic drain."

The maximum drain is 50 milli-amps. For a battery to go dead or almost dead, something that has power with the key off is draining the battery.

It can be a faulty alternator, power door lock circuit problem, even a glove box or trunk light staying on will cause enough drain to kill a battery overnight. These are areas for you or your shop to look for.

Dear Doctor: Recently, I purchased a new 1500 Chevy Express van that has the passlock theft-deterrent system. The system is supposed to keep the van from starting if the ignition cylinder is tampered with. I had a plastic key and an additional metal key made. Both of these keys will start the engine. According to a reliable alarm company, these copy keys should not start the engine. I contacted two Chevrolet dealers and neither had any information on the passlock system. Can you help? Ron

Dear Ron: The passlock anti-theft system works through the ignition cylinder. If someone tries to pop or defeat the ignition cylinder, the engine will not start. The passlock and passkey (with the resistor in the key) are two different systems.

Dear Doctor: I read your column every week and would like to know your impressions of the 2001 BMW 540. Don

Dear Don: I spent a week in a 540 with the sport option package. The sport package option is \$2,800 and worth every cent.

The car has a smooth ride, and the five-speed automatic transmission could not be felt shifting under normal driving. However, under hard acceleration, the sport package option torque converter and transmission upgrade show their stuff.

The one complaint I have with the 540 is the limited front seat travel. At 5'7" I could not get the seat far enough back to feel comfortable. Other than my seat complaint, the BMW is an excellent choice.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1994 Chrysler minivan with 80,000 miles. The only problem I have is the engine cranks, but will not start when the temperature drops below 50 degrees.

I have to wait until the sun heats up the hood. I have had the car to the dealer and a local shop. Neither has been able to find the problem. Fred

Dear Fred: I recommend you take the minivan to a shop and leave it overnight. The technician will hook up a spark and fuel tester, and check it upon start-up in the morning.

First you need to find out if there is a loss of fuel or spark. A weak ignition coil, out-of-range coolant sensor, or even a faulty shutdown relay will cause a no-start problem.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1991 Lexus ES 250. My problem is the airbag light stays on. My other problem is the electric cooling fan stays on, too. Could both problems be related? John

Dear John: The SRS airbag circuit needs to be checked for stored trouble codes. The SRS computer stores a trouble code to explain why the light is on. As for the electric cooling fan light staying on, a check of the cooling fan circuit needs to be done. These problems are not related.

Send questions to: Auto Doctor, 3 Court Circle, Lakeville, MA 02347.

Automakers keep giving horsepower more giddy-up

Carmakers seeking ways to create brand loyalty in pre-WRX-driving-age youth, toyed with giving car names to bicycles, tricycles — maybe even baby buggies.

The idea was to imprint the car name on youngsters' minds so that when they grew to be adults, they would be subliminally led to certain dealerships when car acquisition came to mind.

I doubt that this notion was ever seriously pursued or even if it had merit.

But now comes a surge of interest in certain cars that even the manufacturers credit to youthful exposure.

And that exposure was to Sony PlayStation game WRX, specifically the ones based on World Rally competition.

World Rally is a form of automotive competition that, soccer-like, is better known in the rest of the world than in the U.S. Although devotees of cable TV's Speedvision can get a regular fix of small hot cars broad-sliding around dusty curves or skating rapidly along frozen roads.

The excitement of World Rally competition found its way into the animated intensity of PlayStation games: "Tommi Makinen World Rally Championship," "Colin McRae World Champion," etc.

Using real people, real cars, real venues in these popular games clearly did some imprinting.

Let a few years spin by, and the games, players are no longer teenagers.

They have adult jobs, some real green and a yen to test out real versions of those machines their thumbs manipulated with such gusto.

No surprise then that the four-wheel-drive, turbocharged Subaru Impreza WRX is now on these shores and drawing real-life attention from those who spent much of their teen years manipulating high-speed, miniature animated images.

Granted the civilian version of the WRX is less powerful than the rally machine, but at 227 horsepower, a 3,050-pound vehicle will surely impress an admirer of high-performance.

The WRX offered to American buyers may not be in rally trim, but it handles and accelerates in an exhilarating manner. With the WRX, the entertainment dollar (the car costs in the \$24,000 range) is well spent.

Mitsubishi — reigning world champion in the rally world — is currently musing about bringing its Lancer EVO 7 to these shores. It would be detuned like the WRX, but maybe allowing a few more horses in the paddock. (The race is on.)

So "rally" cars are in. They are tight, small, long in the performance department, but perhaps short on amenities and



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World Rally is a form of automotive competition that, soccer-like, is better known in the rest of the world than in the U.S.

style. However they inspire clubs Web sites and intense loyalties.

The Ford Focus, Colin McRae's mount, is getting the hotting-up treatment (to 170 HP) with the taut, little SVT version pegged to start at about \$18,000.

Still there's yet a hotter mode in Europe. (The European market sees a lot of nifty cars that never reach this hemisphere.)

But the quest for greater horsepower is not confined to the "rally" car craze — it is seeping into every level of cardom.

Take the Acura NSX, for instance. Long one of the fastest and smoothest of the high-performance cars, it is nonetheless getting a new V-6 engine that will produce 350 HP.

The NSX has always had excellent manners and good looks and enough power to be impressive; now it will be astonishing. Maybe the most surprising elevation in horsepower comes from the new Nissan Altima, always a player in its market segment.

The Altima's new V-6 engine is said to generate 240 HP. That leaps it ahead of its larger sibling, the Maxima.

So when the next Maxima is introduced, it clearly will be bumped ahead of the Altima for fear of being "Minima." Nissan already has upped the horsepower of its SUV, the Pathfinder into best-of-class levels.

Long known as a fine vehicle wanting for power, it answered that demand with a bang. And the Mini Cooper S, not due until next year, has been infected with creeping horsepoweritis.

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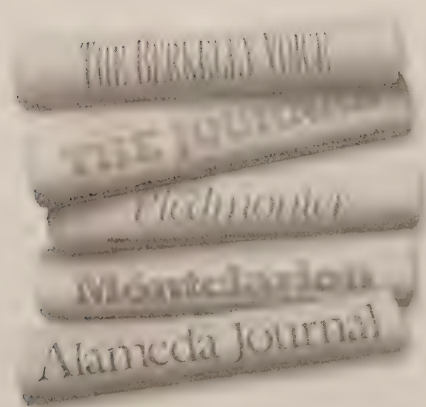
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
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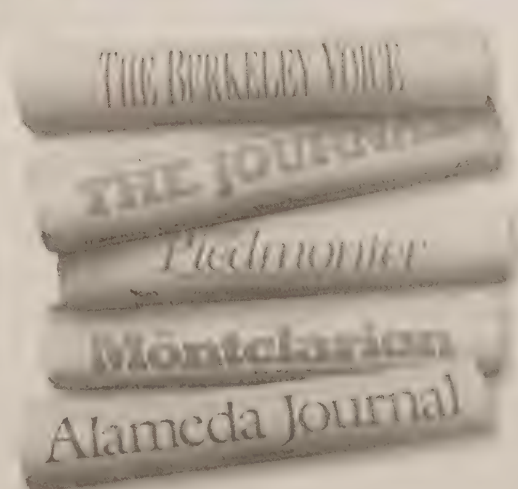
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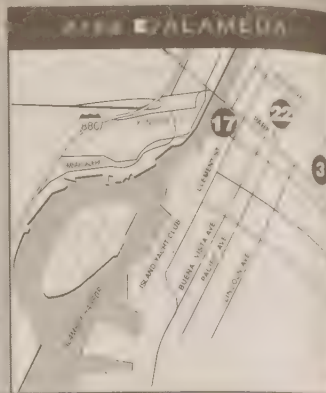
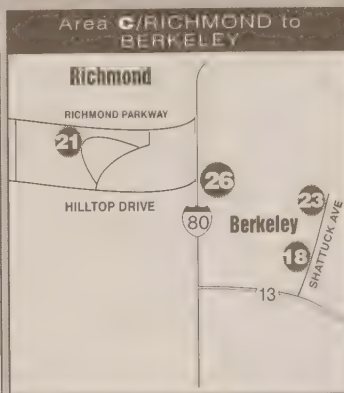
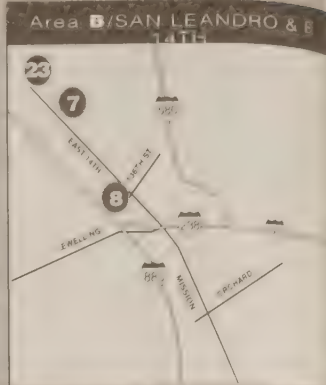
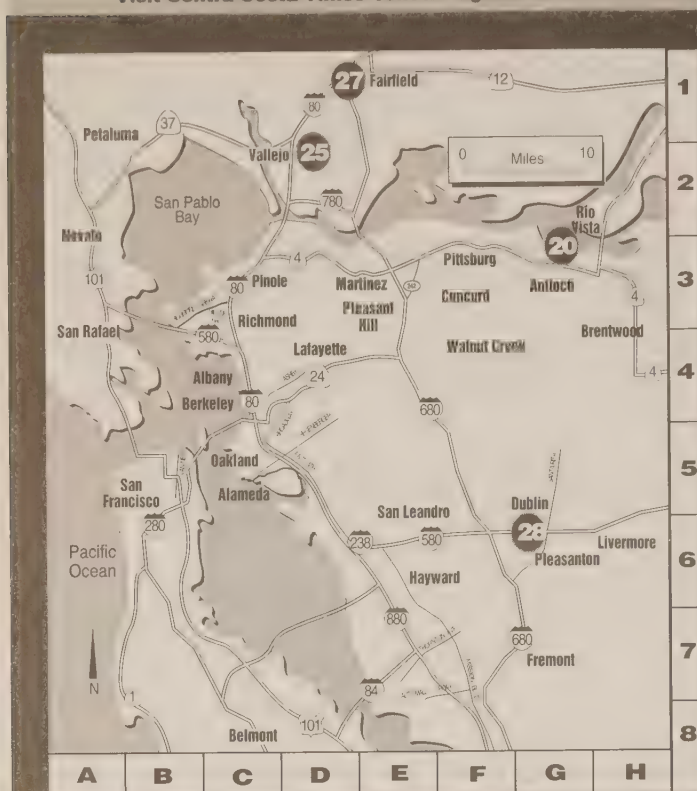
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
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Summer: Picnics, fishing, the beach and fried chicken

BY ERIC TUROWSKI
CHARTER WRITER

Last week, we stated that Summer was the season for grilling. For me, hot weather is the time for cold fried chicken. Drop it in the cooler and drag it to the beach, a picnic, a baseball game (though not a professional one) or take it fishing.

A year ago, I changed jobs in the company. To celebrate, a former coworker of mine, Mags, and I decided to go fishing at San Pablo Dam. I am not exactly an avid fisherman. My idea of the sport involves drowning innocent lumbicoids, drinking beer, discussing life and avoiding sunburn. Mags is quite the angler, and she agreed to provide the tackle. That left me to bring lunch.

Because I felt this was a special occasion, and also one of my rare jaunts into the great outdoors, I thought the food should be special, too. For me this means one thing: beg my house-mate, Martina, to cook something for me. My request, of course: fried chicken.

Martina makes a mean fried chicken. It is so good that Mags, who is under five feet tall and under 90 pounds, actually ate more than one piece. This shocked me, but in a good way. I found it a testament to Martina's version of fried chicken, which involves a rub of garlic and salt before the layer of breading.

Martina's Special Occasion Fried Chicken

(Ingredients are approximate per one fryer)

6 cloves garlic
Unbleached flour
Salt
Fresh parsley (optional)
Five eggs
Bread crumbs (preferably from a two-day-old sourdough baguette, but a can of unseasoned French bread crumbs can be substituted)
Vegetable oil for frying

Mash the garlic with salt into a creamy paste. Seasonings like fresh parsley, chopped (or any of your favorite 11 herbs and spices), may be added for flavor. Rub the mash onto the skin of the chicken. Coat the pieces with unbleached flour, removing the excess.

Beat whole eggs with a fork in a medium-sized bowl. Coat the flour-coated chicken in the eggs, and then in fresh bread crumbs. If you use canned French bread crumbs, make sure they are the unseasoned kind, as the flavored crumb spices are not conducive to fried chicken. For best results, use the crumbs of a two-day-old baguette, especially a sourdough baguette.

Heat oil in a frying pan for about 15 minutes on medium. You can test the oil with a bit of extra skin — if it fries when you drop it in, your oil is hot enough. Before dropping in the chicken, turn the heat up to high. When the pieces begin frying, return the heat to medium and fry slowly. If the heat is too high, the chicken will get too brown before the meat cooks through.

Fry about 20 minutes per side until golden brown, turning once. Drain on paper towels. Serve hot or cold.

Southern fried

In spite of the sun beating down on the roof, I still prefer fried chicken in the summer. You can throw open all the windows to get rid of that heavy, greasy cooking smell that can hang in the air overnight when the windows are closed.

In my opinion, Martina's version of fried chicken holds up best for taking on the road or serving cold. The garlic makes it zingy, and the flour-egg-bread crumb exterior holds up well.

But if you're not planning an outdoor event, or perhaps you don't like cold fried chicken, southern frying may be



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Latest active Kentucky Fried Chicken urban legend

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An active Internet hoax, of the urban legend type, falsely claims that KFC (Kentucky Fried Chicken) is using genetically engineered organisms instead of chickens. The hoax includes reference to an unspecified study of KFC done at the University of New Hampshire and there is no such research or study that was done here.

When you read the message carefully you can see it has all the hallmarks of a hoax. It starts with a well known subject (KFC) and a timely topic (genetic modification of animals and plants) and then spins out a story that progresses from possible, to improbable and finally to impossible. As an extra touch of false verisimilitude, there is the vague reference to a study at the University of New Hampshire!

The legend

The following is the legend as found on the Internet:
"KFC has been a part of our American traditions for many years. Many people, day in and day out, eat at KFC religiously. Do they really know what they are eating?" During a recent study of

KFC done at the University of New Hampshire, they found some very upsetting facts.
"First of all, has anybody noticed that just recently, the company has changed their name? Kentucky Fried Chicken has become KFC. Does anybody know why? We thought the real reason was because of the "fried" food issue. It's not. The reason why they call it KFC is because they can not use the word chicken anymore. Why? KFC does not use real chickens. They actually use genetically manipulated organisms. These so called "chickens" are kept alive by tubes inserted into their bodies to pump blood and nutrients throughout their structure. They have no beaks, no feathers, and no feet. Their bone structure is dramatically shrunk to get more meat out of them. This is great for KFC because they do not have to pay so much for their production costs. There is no more plucking of the feathers or the removal of the beaks and feet.
"The government has told them to change all of their menus so they do not say chicken anywhere. If you look closely you will notice this. Listen to their com-

mercials, I guarantee you will not see or hear the word chicken. I find this matter to be very disturbing. I hope people will start to realize this and let other people know.
"Please forward this message to as many people as you can. Together we [can] make KFC start using real chicken again."
Many food legends
This is only the latest urban legend about KFC. In the 1960s, a rumor started about certain infestations that folklorists have since named "The Kentucky Fried Rat" urban legend.
No evidence has come to light regarding a customer ever finding a deep-fried rodent in a bucket of chicken.
Even so, the proliferation of this rumor was such that KFC procedures changed so that all chicken pieces are shipped already breaded.
KFC, while a favorite urban legend subject, is not the only company targeted by modern folklore. Disney is probably the number one urban legend generator, followed by Proctor and Gamble, Coke and Pepsi.

KFC secret original recipe remains secret

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — KFC is still the only place you can find Colonel Harland Sanders' world-famous Original Recipe chicken.
The secret recipe for the Colonel's 11 herbs and spices remain safely locked within the KFC vault in Louisville.
The owners of Col. Sanders' former home in Shelbyville, Ky., claimed to have a list of ingredients which they thought were the Colonel's secret Original Recipe.
The owners discovered the list in a 1964 ledger that they found in the home. Col. Sanders created the secret Original Recipe in 1939.
Earlier this year, the couple contacted KFC Corporation and threatened to sell the list through public auction.
Although KFC believed it was improbable that the couple had the secret recipe, the company took the claim seriously and asked a court to prevent them from selling or disclosing the list of ingredients.
KFC investigated the couple's claim thoroughly and compared their list to the Colonel's secret recipe.
It is nowhere close, KFC has dismissed the lawsuit.

Colonel's recipes

Even though the Original Recipe for chicken remains a secret, here are the recipes for a few of the Colonel's side dishes

Bean salad
1 16-ounce can green beans (Blue Lake or some other good quality bean.)
1 16-ounce can wax beans
1 16-ounce can kidney beans
1 medium green pepper, sliced and chopped
1 medium-sized white onion sliced and cut up
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1/2 cup cider vinegar
1/2 cup sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
Drain and rinse kidney beans well
Drain additional beans and combine all ingredients together
Marinate and refrigerate overnight.

Note: Bean salad tastes better after three or four days
Makes about 7 cups

Kentucky biscuits
1 1/2 cups flour
1 1/2 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon sugar
1 tablespoon baking powder
3/4 cup milk
1/2 cup vegetable shortening
Preheat oven to 425 F. Sift together flour, salt, sugar and baking powder into mixing bowl
Make a well in the flour mix and add the milk
Add shortening and begin kneading with hands (to cut in) vegetable shortening and flour the milk until thoroughly mixed
Add milk, if needed to form a mix. Turn onto floured board and knead gently six to eight times
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Cut into biscuits
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Just like the Colonel's?

Some people get obsessive about a certain secret recipe, so we found the following KFC attempts on the Searchable Online Archive of Recipes (S.O.A.R.), now located at recipesource.com.

Secret spices by Teresa De-marco

- 1 tablespoon rosemary
- 1 tablespoon oregano leaves
- 1 tablespoon powdered sage
- 1 teaspoon powdered ginger
- 1 teaspoon marjoram
- 1 1/2 teaspoons thyme
- 3 tablespoons packed brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons dry minced parsley
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 2 tablespoons garlic salt
- 2 tablespoons onion salt
- 2 tablespoons powdered chicken bouillon (or 4 cubes mashed)
- 1 package dry tomato soup mix

There are actually 11 spices in the above combination, but an additional three ingredients were necessary to derive that special flavor.

Place all ingredients in blender

with on/off speed for 3-4 minutes to pulverize, or rub through a fine strainer. Store in an airtight container so it will not lose potency. Makes about 3/4 cup. To use with flour: Add 1 oz. mix to cup of flour for coating chicken.

Fried Chicken in a crock pot

2-1/2 to 3 lb. fryer, cut up
1 cup flour
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon leaf sage or oregano
Butter or vegetable oil

Rinse chicken pieces and pat dry. Combine flour with remaining ingredients except butter. Toss chicken pieces with flour mixture to coat.

In skillet, heat butter to 1/4-inch depth and cook chicken over medium-high heat until brown. Place browned chicken in crock pot, adding wings first. Add no liquid. Cover and cook on low setting for 4 to 8 hours. 4 servings (about 3 quarts).

Birds of a feather like peas in a pod

BY KATHLEEN STANLEY
WASHINGTON POST

The fresh chicken section of many grocery stores is starting to get a bit confusing. Are you looking for a whole fryer to make a simple roast-chicken dinner? The choices in brands are booming: In addition to the traditional selection, there are now a number of organic and kosher choices, and the prices can vary widely. What makes one better than another?

We decided to put these birds to the test. We roasted 10 whole fryers, including three organics and one kosher, to see if we could detect differences in taste, texture and appearance.

We bought small chickens, all between three and four pounds each, and roasted them at 425 degrees until the breast meat registered 170 degrees. We let each chicken sit for 10 minutes, removed the skin and then tasted a bit of breast meat from each bird, not knowing the brand or the store from

which they came.

The good news? There was not a bona-fide loser in the bunch. In addition, one of the organic chickens and the kosher chicken — higher in price than many of the other — were wonderful and well worth it; the other two organics were just average. For a marginal difference in taste, we probably wouldn't pay the extra price.

Some of the less-expensive chicken were mediocre, but others were tasty and perfectly presentable. Most chickens tasted moist, but some had little actual chicken flavor, as if the moisture came from an excess of water alone. Some supermarkets carry several brands of these chickens.

One thing's for sure: Check those expiration dates carefully. Every single fryer at one supermarket was past its "sell by" date by a full day. And if you don't like the looks of what's available in the meat case, ask the butcher if there's a fresher shipment in back.

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Chicken

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better for you. The southern method usually involves frying in shortening as opposed to vegetable oil (or, per- ish forbid, lard, which is good for the soul but not necessarily for the ar- teries) and so upon cooling reverts back to a firmer state.

Not everyone likes biting into the firmer state of shortening that clings to the bottom of cooled-off chicken.

Perfect Southern Fried Chicken

Recipe from "My Mother's Southern Kitchen" by James Villas. Two 3-pound chicken fryers
2 cups all-purpose flour
Salt and black pepper to taste
1 cup milk
Vegetable shortening
1 tablespoon bacon grease

Cut the chicken carefully and evenly into serving pieces, taking great care to keep the skin of each piece intact, and rinse under running water.

In a heavy brown paper bag, combine the flour and salt and pepper and shake till well blended. Pour the milk into a soup bowl.

Set an electric fry pan at 375 de- grees or place a large cast-iron skil- let over moderate heat, fill half full of melted vegetable shortening and add the bacon grease.

When a drop of water flipped into the fat sputters, dip some of the chicken pieces into the milk then place in the bag. Shake vig- orously to coat evenly, shake the excess flour back into the bag, and arrange the pieces in the fat, mak- ing sure not to overcrowd the pan.

Fry the chicken till golden brown and crisp, 15 to 20 minutes, turn with tongs, reduce heat to 350 de- grees and fry till golden brown, about 15 minutes longer. (Turn the chicken only once.)

Drain on another paper bag and repeat the procedure with the re- maining chicken, adding a little more shortening and bacon grease if necessary and maintaining the heat at moderate.

Transfer the chicken to a large platter and do not cover. Serve warm or at room temperature. Serves 8.

Like fried chicken, but healthier

If you really like the taste of fried chicken, but you won't allow your-

self to venture into the realm of the fried, you'll have to turn on the oven.

Un-Fried Chicken

Recipe from "In the Kitchen with Rosie" by Rosie Daley
Light vegetable oil cooking spray
6 drumsticks, skin removed
3 whole chicken breasts, halved and skin removed
3 1/2 cups ice water
1 cup plain nonfat yogurt

For the breading

1 cup dried Italian bread crumbs
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon Old Bay seasoning
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon Creole seasoning
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
Dash cayenne pepper
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
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1/2 teaspoon dried oregano

The secret to the success of this recipe is to make sure that both the chicken and the yogurt are very cold (hence, soaking the chicken in the ice water). The preliminary soaking will help the breading ad- here and produce a crisp coating

much like that of fried chicken.

Preheat the oven to 400 de- grees. Coat a baking sheet with 3 sprays of the vegetable oil. Put the chicken in a large bowl with the ice water. Put the yogurt into a medium bowl. Set both bowls aside.

Toss all the breading ingredients into a large, tightly-sealing plastic bag. Seal and shake well to mix.

Remove 2 pieces of chicken from the ice water. Roll each piece in the yogurt. Put the chicken into the plastic bag, reseal, and shake to coat thoroughly. Transfer the breaded chicken to the prepared baking sheet. Repeat the process until all 12 pieces are breaded. Spray the chicken lightly with the vegetable oil.

Place the baking sheet on the bottom shelf of the oven and bake for 1 hour, turning the pieces every 20 minutes to allow even browning. Serve hot or at room tempera- ture. Makes 12 pieces

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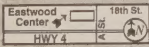
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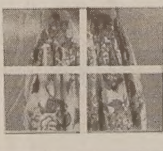
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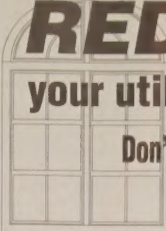
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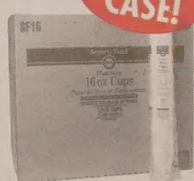


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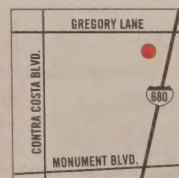
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